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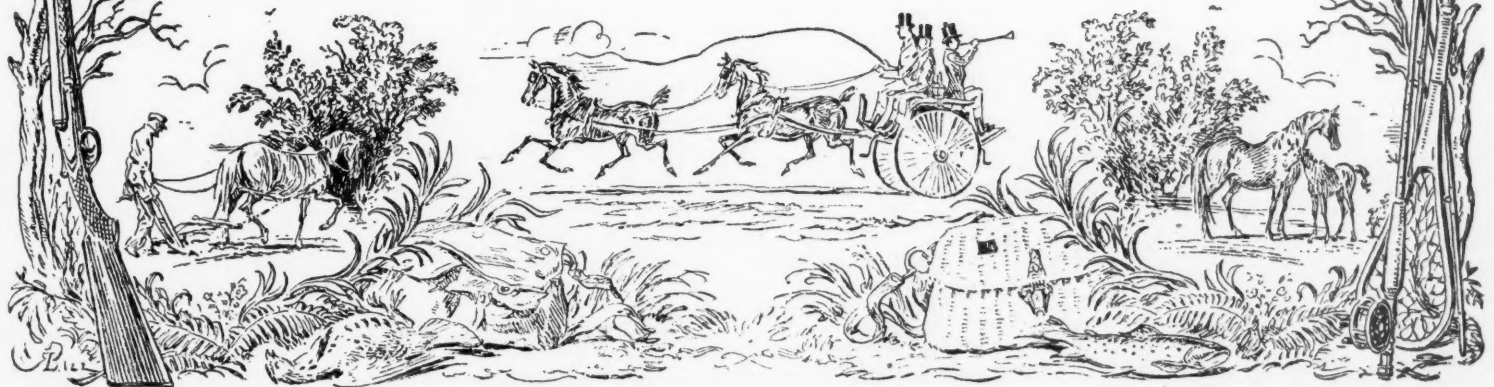
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DRASTIC TREATMENT

Steeplechase owners and trainers received a real shock last week with the announcement that Pimlico would not have its usual Spring steeplechasing program and that Laurel, that had never had a Spring meeting before, would also not card steeplechasing. The reason given was purely one of dollars and cents and as Marylanders have always been very much in favor of steeplechasing there is no question but that this is indeed the fact and that Maryland's major track managements feel they can make more money by omitting steeplechasing from their program than by carding them.

Everyone interested in racing cannot but wish Pimlico and Laurel the very best of success in working out their financial problems, but everyone wishing to see sport through the field prosper also cannot help but hope these managements find they are wrong in selecting steeplechasing as the bete noir for lowered racing revenues. The case for steeplechasing is too well known to repeat at this juncture. It has always attracted the highest type of owner and it has always proven a welcome change in an 8 race program from a spectator's angle.

The cut which Maryland proposes has not in actual fact worked too great a hardship on 'chasing owners. Laurel never did have Spring racing and Pimlico had only a 2 week Spring meeting, one week of which conflicted with Belmont's 'chasing. It means then as Pimlico did not have jumping races on Saturdays, that 'chasing people are put out of 5 days of 'chasing with no 'chasing going on and 5 additional days where they can race at Belmont. Last year Pimlico offered during this period 3 stake races, four allowance races, 2 claiming races and one race for maidens. A total of 69 entrants thus gave an average of nearly 7 horses to a race with only one race, the allowance for non-winners of \$2,000 in '47 and '48 that did not have 6 horses. It had 5. In other words there were plenty of horses competing in Pimlico's Spring program.

It is understood that the Maiden Steeplechase Stake will be transferred to Aqueduct. This race attracted 8 entries last year at Pimlico and is one of the best stakes on the 'chasing circuit. With Aqueduct assuming this race, horsemen will be deprived of 2 stakes by Pimlico and 5 days that they cannot race 'chasers.

Despite this the Maryland decision has been a real blow, principally because it has created uncertainty in the minds of 'chasing owners and trainers as to just how far tracks will carry their decision to make 'chasing pay for decrease in revenues. It can only be shown through trial and error whether tracks will really save money by cutting out the 'chasers. The absence of 'chasing does make racing less attractive to many spectators who come to major tracks to see the steeplechasing only and while there, bet on the 8 card program. It also deprives a very sizeable group of horsemen of a chance to train and own the type of horse they wish to race.

There are, for instance, 693 owners who registered colors last year with the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association to race over jumps. Forty one percent of these also registered colors with The Jockey Club to race on the flat. This means that at least 406 owners were not sufficiently interested in racing on the flat to register their colors. They must be definitely put out with the treatment 'chasing is receiving at the hands of the major tracks. It also means that 693 owners are very much concerned with the decrease in the opportunities to race horses over jumps. It is a group that track managements who must deal with owners as well as with their racing public must consider.

It would appear that rather than cutting out 'chasing which all

agree is an important contribution to the sport of racing, that some sort of adjustment and compromise should be made all around. Tracks should not hold 'chasers in competition with each other. Where one track left off its program, the other should begin, to avoid needless shipping and needless competition. Inasmuch as flat racing enjoys betting from those who come to see 'chasing and bet on flat racing, a small overall purse slash to take care of 'chasing expenditures should not hurt anyone's feelings. If it costs tracks money to maintain brush fences over and above the amount it costs them to maintain their dirt track, 'chasing owners might conceivably be asked to contribute to this additional maintenance in increased entry fees or by contribution. The pruning shears are undoubtedly useful to an ailing plant, but better health does not necessarily come from cutting off one of the plant's healthiest and most attractive limbs.

Letters To The Editor

Suggestions

Dear Sir:

From previous letters you know how much I appreciate your magazine. I hope, therefore, that you do not consider the following lines as criticism but as suggestions. I believe that these suggestions will help many of your readers to enjoy The Chronicle even more thoroughly, will win you additional friends and thereby increase your circulation and your influence considerably.

1). Your contents are very often too one-sided, especially during the winter months. There are very many people interested in horses, jumping and riding who for different reasons are not connected with breeding, hunting or racing. These subscribers find very little of real interest in your paper during the winter months. If it would not be for the Letters to the Editor they would put aside The Chronicle quite often pretty much dissatisfied. Even when you bring reports about winter horse shows, they seem often unbalanced and with very little advanced planning. An example is your issue of February 3rd. In reading the two reports about the Sacramento and Denver horse shows, I definitely felt that the Denver show was by far the more diversified and more interesting one. Nevertheless, the California show took up most of the space. As far as pictures are concerned, I realize that you depend very often on the pictures which are being submitted to you by photographers. However, you definitely would improve your picture columns by cutting out at least some the social pictures and bringing instead more action shots, especially from smaller shows.

2). In place of or (if you feel you should not neglect such material) in addition to the very often much too verbose written articles about breeding, reports from hunt clubs, racing etc., you should publish articles of general interest from all fields of the sport with horses, including controversial issues which too often get only in the column Letters to the Editor. Furthermore, I am missing articles which are informative and at the same time instructive for the boys and girls who love riding, jumping and horses and are only too hungry for some interesting reading material, outside of books.

3). And this brings me to the third suggestion. I am definitely missing a good book column. Many books have been published lately with regard to horses and every kind of sport in connection with horses, in this country as well as in foreign countries. Many of your readers would welcome write-ups about such books—and, by the way, I am sure that the publishers would not mind either! Such write-ups do not have to be critical necessarily. Many a parent, e. g., would be thankful if you would provide him with a descriptive guide of what to buy for his boy or girl in order to further their horse sense and their interest for horses.

As I said in the beginning, The Chronicle is in my opinion by far the best paper published in its field in this country. I believe, however, that if you would consider some of the above suggestions, it could be made still better, more interesting and generally more useful for everybody connected with the sport of horses, and this includes besides breeding, hunting and racing, just plain riding as well as jumping, polo, gymkhanas, driving and even (pardon me for mentioning them in these columns!) three—and five-

gaited horses.

What do the other readers think about these suggestions?

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert Wiesenthal

23 West 89th Street
New York 24, N. Y.

Olympic Calibre

Dear Editor:

For many years I have read The Chronicle with interest and pleasure, but never more so than during the last year when the discussion of creating a United States Team for the Olympic Games has been presented from so many angles and from so many sources. I believe your articles, editorials and particularly the letters from your subscribers indicate the need of a better understanding of what is involved in good riding as it is understood by those who compete in and judge the Olympics. Many have indicated that one of our difficulties in this country goes back to the teaching of riding and point, quite rightly, that only a few outside the circles of our great competitors of the United States Army understand what this type of riding really means.

May I say at this point that the Committee on Riding of the N. S. W. A., which I represent as Chairman, is not suffering from delusion of grandeur which makes us think we can turn out an Olympic Team. On the other hand the work we have been doing in setting up standards based on the first day of the Three Day Event, and our centers where we instruct and rate riders have convinced us of the need for such a program in the United States. Those who have come to our centers have agreed and expressed their appreciation of the efforts which this organization has made. We are attempting to teach the basic points from which the Olympic type of riding may develop, notably position, control and schooling. Only talent, good teaching, good horses and time and willingness to put in a lot of hard work can create these few outstanding individuals of Olympic calibre. Yet many others, through such methods, may walk along this path a greater distance than they are now doing. They would hack, show, school and engage in other riding sports on a higher level and with greater discrimination.

Again thanking you for pleasant hours with The Chronicle and hoping to hear from you on this point. It should, perhaps, be mentioned that we not only are a non-profit organization, but that our meagre budget comes from the contributions of all of us who take a rating through paying a small fee. Our governing body, the N. S. W. A. supplements with a small sum to cover postage and similar expenditures.

Sincerely yours,

Harriet H. Rogers, Chairman
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Maryland High Score Champions

**Miss Skipper's Arbitrator Double Winner
In the Assn.'s High Score Award, Tops
Both Working and Conformation Hunters**

Bruce Fales, Jr.

The Association of Maryland Horse Shows, Inc.'s annual banquet was held December 2 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Peggy Skipper's Arbitrator was a double winner in the Association's high score awards as he won both the working hunter and conformation hunter championship.

Ridden throughout the season by his owner, Irvin Naylor and Teddy LeCarpentier, "Arby" scored 175 points in the working division and 74 points in the conformation division.

Mrs. Foster Fenton's Rick Rack, ridden by Misses Betsy Garrett and

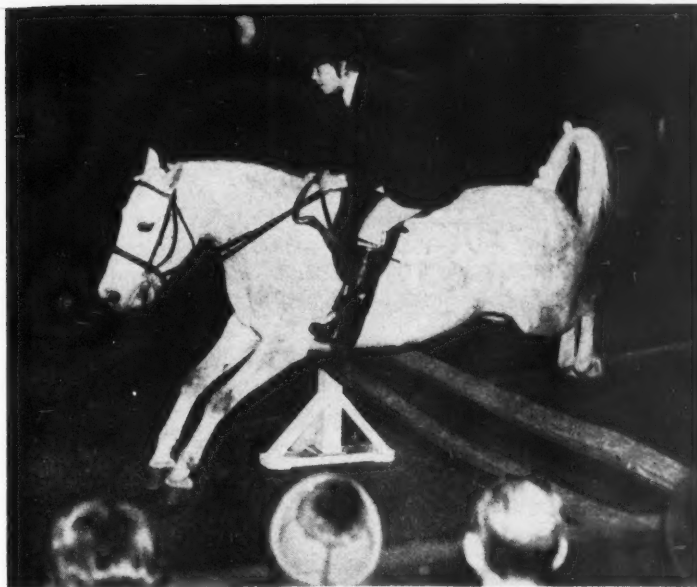
Jerry Kilby, won the reserve working hunter championship with 94 points.

Miss Helen Eichelberger's Jolly Scott won the reserve conformation hunter championship with 56 points. This is the third year that Jolly Scott has won reserve honors.

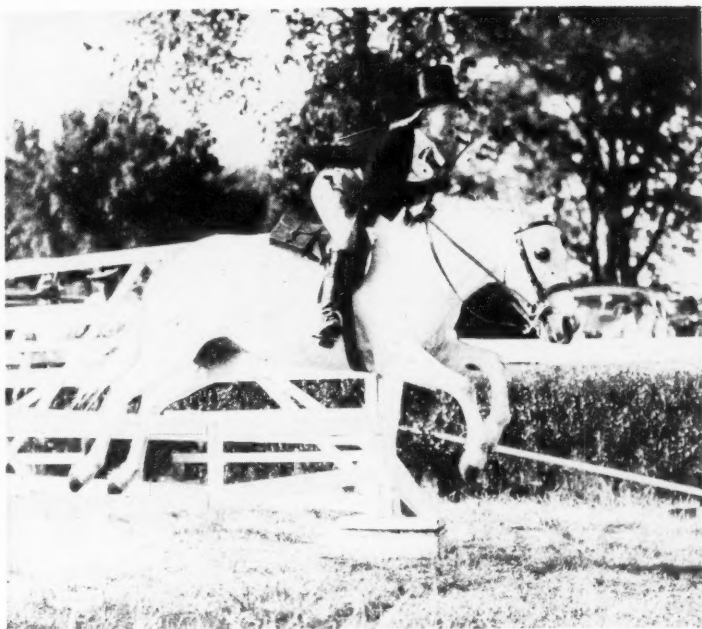
George DiPaula's good-looking horse Rocky Pet, ridden by Miss Eline Smith, scored 39 points for the green hunter championship.

Miss Barbara Shipley's Opponent, well ridden throughout the season by Linky Smith, scored 28 points for the reserve green hunter championship.

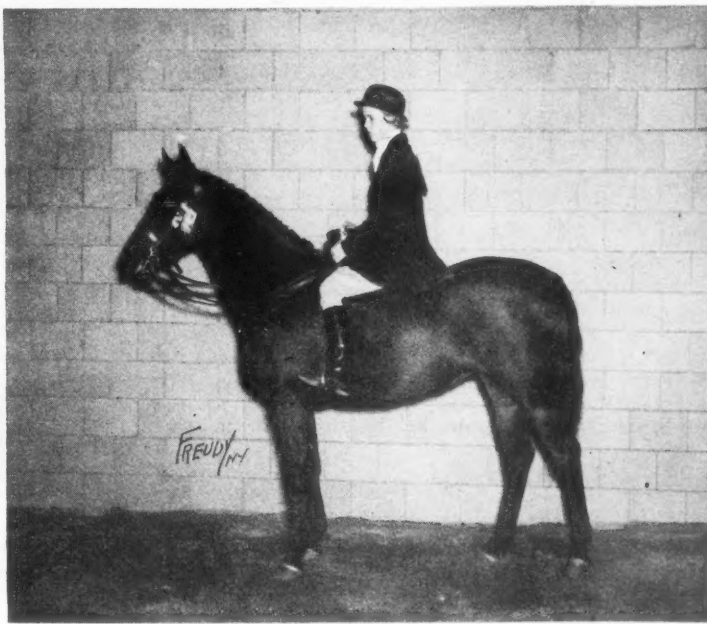
In the open jumper division W. H. O'Dell's Roxy, with Miss Jean Hoetzel in the saddle, scored 139



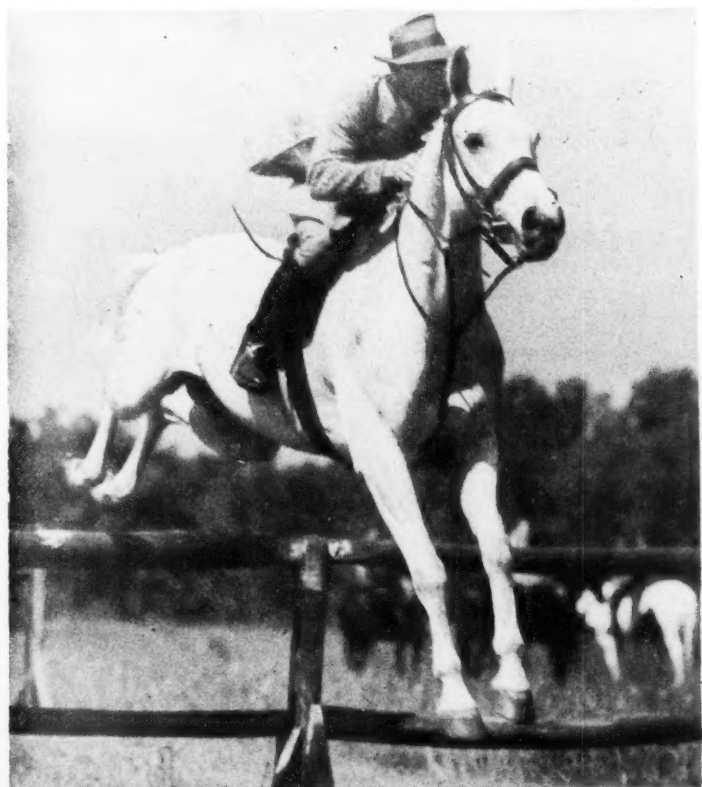
MEDIUM PONY CHAMPION for 4th time, Miss Martha Sterbak's Surprise.
(Carl Klein Photo)



SMALL PONY CHAMPION for 2nd time, Miss Cynthia Graffam's Thane of Wales.
(Bagley Photo)



RESERVE LARGE PONY CHAMPION, Miss Jackie Ewing's Moonbeam.
(Freudy Photo)



CONFORMATION AND WORKING HUNTER CHAMPION, Miss Peggy Skipper's Arbitrator.
(Reynolds Photo)

points for the championship.

Mr. DiPaula's Rocky Pet scored 104 points for the reserve jumper championship.

In the small pony division Miss Cynthia Graffam's Thane of Wales, ridden throughout the year by his owner, won the championship for the second time. Thane of Wales scored 218 points.

Billy Boyce 3rd's Spice scored 164 points for the reserve small pony championship.

Miss Martha Sterbak's gray pony Surprise won the medium pony championship for the fourth time, with 241 points.

Sidney Gadd's Juniper, ridden throughout the season by his owner, scored 89 points for the reserve championship.

Mrs. W. Graham Boyce's bold fencing pony Honey Bee won the large pony championship. With Irvin Naylor in the saddle, Honey Bee scored 132 points.

Miss Jacklyn Ewing's Moonbeam, with her owner up, scored 94 points for the reserve championship in the large pony division. It is Moonbeam's second year as reserve champion.

The Gittings Horsemanship Awards were given next. Three time winners receiving the Gold award were Irvin Naylor and Johnny Hoy, while Miss Jacklyn Ewing, Fritz Burkhardt and Billy Hoy received additional bars to their gold awards for winning more than three times.

SUMMARIES

Conformation hunter—1. Arbitrator, Peggy

Skipper, 74 points; 2. Jolly Scott, Helen Eichelberger, 56 points; 3. Rick Rack, Mrs. Foster Fenton, 54 points; 4. Camp, Barbara Shipley, 40 points; 5. Opponent, Barbara Shipley, 35 points; 6. Blue Ridge, Alta Vista Farm, 31 points; 7. Sky's Shadow, Claude W. Owen, 27 points; 8. Rocky Pet, George DiPaula, 24 points.

Working hunter—1. Arbitrator, Peggy Skipper, 175 points; 2. Rick Rack, Mrs. Foster Fenton, 94 points; 3. Maryland Miss, John L. Kelly, 55 points; 4. Blue Ridge, Alta Vista Farm, 30 points; 5. Jolly Scott, Helen Eichelberger, 27 points; 6. Sky's Shadow, Claude W. Owen, 24 points; 7. Rocky Pet, George DiPaula, 21 points; 8. Bugler, Mrs. Arline Brooks, 21 points.

Green hunter—1. Rocky Pet, George DiPaula, 39 points; 2. Opponent, Barbara Shipley, 28 points; 3. Forevermine, C. Lamar Cresswell, 17 points; 4. Sky's Shadow, Claude W. Owen, 10 points; 5. Pennies, Mrs. Charles Skipper, 10 points.

Open jumper—1. Roxy, W. H. O'Dell, 139 points; 2. Rocky Pet, George DiPaula, 104 points; 3. Roulette, Howard Fowler, 49 points; 4. Steel Rock, Skippy Dehlmann, 36 points; 5. My Rising Tide, Thomas Maher, 26 points.

Small pony—1. Thane of Wales, Cynthia Graffam, 218 points; 2. Spice, Billy Boyce, 164 points; 3. Black Satin, Sandra Scarff, 116 points; 4. Danny Boy, Bobbie Gardner, 56 points; 5. Merry O. Carroll Ebeling, 44 points.

Medium division—1. Surprise, Martha Sterbak, 241 points; 2. Juniper, Sidney Gadd, 89 points; 3. Jack Frost, Alden and Mickey Hopkins, 73 points; 4. Taffy, Fritz Sterbak, 72 points; 5. Bab's Baby, Barbara Kade, 54 points.

Large division—1. Honey Bee, Mrs. W. Graham Boyce, 132 points; 2. Moonbeam, Jacklyn Ewing, 94 points; 3. Easter Hal, Peggy Bagley, 74 points; 4. Iron Duke, Billy Hoy, 51 points; 5. Red Wing, Betty Nanz, 45 points.

Gittings awards—Bronze Awards—Joahn Green, Betty Nanz, Roxy Wagner, Robert Black, B. H. Griswold, 3rd; Silver Awards—Martha Sterbak, Peggy Smith, Barbara Staley, Barbara Taze, Alden Hopkins, Eddy Slayman, Sidney Gadd; Gold Awards—Johnny Hoy, Irvin Naylor; Bar to Gold Award—Jacklyn Ewing, Fritz Burkhardt and Billy Hoy.

Horsemen and Their Sporting Dogs

**Every Stable Has Its Favorite Dogs;
Many Owners Combine Horse Shows With
Development of Top Quality Sporting Breeds**

Lois Meistrell

Two recently published books British and American Sporting Authors by A. Henry Higginson, published by the Blue Ridge Press, Berryville, Va., and The Encyclopedia of Dogs by Henry P. Davis, well-known author, Dog Show and Field Trial Judge, bring to light the present day interest of horsemen and horse show exhibitors, in dogs and dog shows, is nothing new.

Mr. Higginson gives a fascinating little biographical sketch of Julianna Berners, Prioresse of Sopwell Nunnery, Hertfordshire, who by her skill as a hunter and angler, kept the larder of the Nunnery well supplied with game and trout. Her book, which dealt chiefly with hunting with hounds, was published in 1497, under the title *The Boke of St. Albans*.

Mr. Davis, writing on dogs, refers to the "Boke" as containing the first classification of pure bred dogs ever published in the English language.

Both Mr. Higginson and Mr. Davis list several present day dog and horse show enthusiasts in their respective books.

Followers of hunting on Long Island will be interested in the biography of Harry T. Peters, late M. F. H. of the Meadow Brook Hounds and the short resume of his book *Just Hunting* published in 1935. Mr. Higginson mentions his interest in Beagles, Harriers and Foxhounds, but dog show exhibitors knew him as an excellent judge of any breed, a talent which is apparent in his son, whose judgment at dog shows is as respected as his father's.

As in the past, hounds continue to hold the horseman's favor. Greyhounds, one of the oldest pure bred species, are shown frequently by Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. Charles Plumb and Harry Peters, Jr. all of Long Island.

Another old breed which finds many admirers among horseowners is the Dalmatian, which like the Poodle, has proved an excellent retriever and gun dog as well as a fine, sturdy companion to the horse.

Beginning with the President of the Dalmatian Club of America, Mrs. Alfred Barrett of Dedham, Mass., whose Roadcoach Kennels have provided the show ring with many top Dalmatians and Poodles, the membership of this club contains the names of many horse show and hunting enthusiasts as well. The Bar-

retts are well known on the New England Horse Show circuit, the club's secretary, Miss Evelyn Nelson, of Montville, N. J., has two well-mannered, home-bred hacks to help her keep her Tomalyn Hill Dalmatians in show condition, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reeves of Huntingdon Valley combine hunters, Morgan horses Dalmatians and Shetland Sheep dogs among their many activities. Mrs. Paul Moore's Hollow Hill Stables and her kennels of the same name are well known throughout New Jersey, and Mrs. Wilbur E. Dewell of Fairfield, Conn., has all but deserted the Saddle Horse field for her Whiteside Sioux Kennels which have produced many outstanding show and obedience Dalmatians. Perhaps the best known of all Dalmatian owners is Mrs. Leonard W. Bonney of Oyster Bay, L. I. whose Tally-Ho kennels have been providing sportsmen with intelligent, willing companions for more than thirty years.

Two veterinarians, Dr. M. A. Gilman and Dr. Lawrence Waitz, both of Westbury, are also Dalmatian enthusiasts while Mrs. Edward A. Robertson, Jack Spratt, Ned Dunn, Ralph Peterson, Joe Bragg and Albert Merkel, all of Long Island, are also Dalmatian owners. Mr. Merkel's Dalmatian puppy Why Bragg, the latest addition to the Why Stables, has added his share to the trophy room by winning Best Obedience Dog in Match, the first time in the ring at the Westbury Dog Training Club's Show on January 14. Why Bragg is out of Tally-Ho Delilah and my own Whiteside Sioux Oros' U. D.

Mrs. Edythe Clark Bailey of Purchase, N. Y. combines a Greyhound, an English Bulldog, a Scottish Terrier and a Dalmatian as companions to her horses.

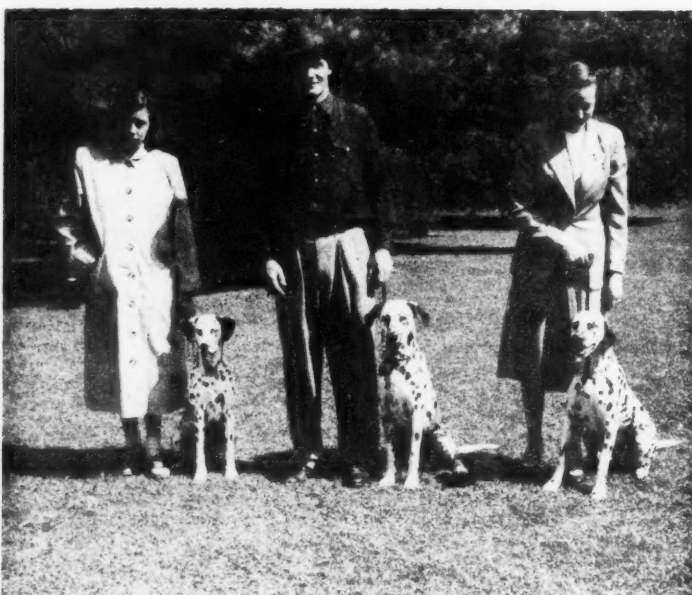
James Rice also shared the enthusiasm for Greyhounds and English Bulldogs, and used to course greyhounds regularly until his recent move to Huntington took up most of his spare time. Walton P. Davis finds his bulldog pup a great help in getting high strung horses into his vans, and young Miss Joan Hemming, who rides the Davis jumpers on her vacations from school, owns a fine German Shepherd.

Dudley Brothwell of Fairfield, Conn., whose Brookside is one of the New England 'greats' in the open jumper classes, is a coon hound owner.

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TIME OUT FROM RIDING. Dudley Brothwell of Brookside Stable and Vincent Beck of Fairfield, Conn. with the Coon Hounds Smokey and Fritz. The raccoon is their largest this season, weighing 35 lbs.

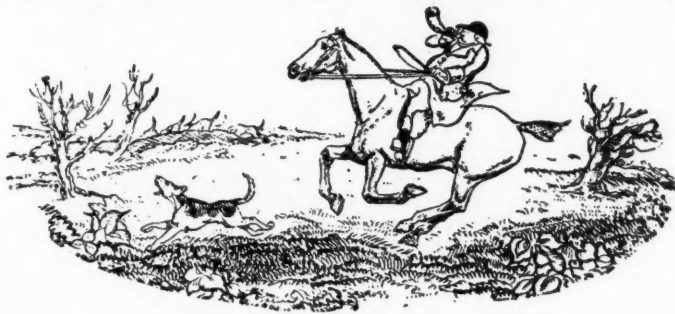


THREE OF A KIND—In the usual order (l. to r.): Mrs. M. A. Gilman with Lucky Susie; Paul Jeffries with Sir Cedric, owned by the Harold Dryers, and Mrs. Harland W. Meistrell with Doc Kensington, owned by Ralph Peterson's Mystery Stables. All three are from the same litter, out of a Tally-Ho Kennel's dam and sire.



HORSEMEN AT A DOG SHOW. From l to r.: Mrs. S. K. Allman, Jr., Mrs. Prentice Sanger, Mrs. Harland Meistrell, Miss Evelyn Nelson, Franklin J. Willock, Mrs. Alfred W. Barrettof, Mrs. Leonard W. Bonney, Alfred Barrett and Martin P. Millet. The pup in the picture is Whiteside Sioux Three Deuces C. D. He set an obedience record at the show by accomplishing the necessary qualifications for a champion dog degree in three days. Then 6 months old, the pup was owned and trained by Mrs. Meistrell.

Minutes of Masters of Foxhounds Meeting



Annual Meeting Approves Amendment To Membership; Elects New Members and Officers; 110 Registered and Recognized Hunts

William Almy, Jr., Secretary
Masters of Foxhounds Association

The Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America was held Friday, January 27th, 1950, at 7:00 p. m., at the Union Club, Park Avenue and 69th Street, New York City.

The Secretary, Mr. William Almy, Jr., reported that the following twenty-six (26) members had been elected and joined during the year:-

The Duke of Beaufort, Honorary Life Member; Russell M. Arundel, Joint M. F. H., Warrenton Hunt; Mrs. Sherwin C. Badger, M. F. H., Norfolk Hunt Club; Algernon A. Craven, Joint M. F. H., The Gwynedd Hounds; Dr. James N. Greear, Jr., M. F. H., Potomac Hunt; Dr. L. Pellman Glover, Joint M. F. H., Franks-town Hunt; Mrs. Edward A. Gorman, Joint M. F. H., Smithtown Hunt; Malcolm B. Grahame, Joint M. F. H., Rombout Hunt; John S. Gregory, M. F. H., The Princess Anne Hunt; Mrs. Henry S. Hall, Jr., M. F. H., Millwood Hunt; John H. Hays, Joint M. F. H., Spring Valley Hunt; Mrs. Marjorie B. Hewlett, Joint M. F. H., Meadow Brook Hounds; Bernard R. Hoppe, Joint M. F. H., Beaufort Hunt; Walter M. Jeffords, Jr., Joint M. F. H., Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club; Hulburd Johnston, Joint M. F. H., Mill Creek Hunt; James F. Kleckhefer, Joint M. F. H., Milwaukee Hunt Club; Charles M. Kinderley, M. F. H., Eglinton Hunt; Hon. Royden Klein, Joint M. F. H., Smithtown Hunt; Winslow Lewis, M. F. H., Whitmarsh Valley Hunt Club; Albert J. Nesbitt, ex-M. F. H., Whitmarsh Valley Hunt Club; Miss Ann Marshall Ottarson, Joint M. F. H., The Oaks Hunt; Lawrence T. Porter, M. F. H., Montreal Hunt; A. Lawrason Riggs, Joint M. F. H., Green Spring Valley Hunt Club; Thomas F. Simmons, Joint M. F. H., Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club; J. Fife Symington, Joint M. F. H., Green Spring Valley Hunt Club; Thomas E. Wilson, Joint M. F. H., Bloomfield Open Hunt.

Three (3) members had died during the year: R. R. M. Carpenter, ex-M. F. H., Dilwyne Hunt, June 11, 1949; H. L. Straus, M. F. H., Carrollton Hounds, October 26, 1949; Lewis E. Waring, ex-M. F. H., Watchung Hunt, May 1949.

Four (4) members had resigned during the year: H. C. Bughman, Jr., ex-M. F. H., Rolling Rock Hunt; John Grew, ex-M. F. H., Norfolk Hunt Club; Wharton Sinkler, ex-M. F. H., Huntingdon Valley Hunt Club; Mrs. Caryl H. Sayre, ex-M. F. H., Rombout Riding and Hunt Club.

The Chairman, Mr. J. Watson Webb, reported that during the year there had been 98 Recognized and 12 Registered Hunts. These Hunts are located in the following Districts:

District	Recognized Hunt	Registered Hunt
New England	11	0
New Jersey	3	0
New York	9	1
Pennsylvania	19	1
Maryland-Delaware	10	0
Virginia and the South	21	6
Midwest	20	2
Canada	4	1
West Coast	1	1
	98	12

The following Officers were elected—President, J. Watson Webb; First Vice President, C. Wadsworth

Howard; Second Vice President, Fletcher Harper; Secretary, William Almy, Jr.; Treasurer, William Almy, Jr.; Clerk, Joseph J. Jones.

Western Pennsylvania District Representative, Sidney Watters; Eastern Pennsylvania District Representative, William J. Clothier; Midwest District Representative, Courtney Burton; Trustee of the Hunt Servants Benefit Foundation, C. Wadsworth Howard.

The following amendment to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws was passed.

Section 1—Masters of Hounds of recognized Hunts are eligible for membership in this Corporation as follows:—

(a) Present Masters.

(b) Ex-Masters—with a minimum of two consecutive seasons as Masters. Members who have been Masters for less than two seasons shall automatically retire from the Corporation upon resigning their Mastership, but may submit their names for re-election.

(c) A Member of a Hunt Committee where there is no Master. Upon the election or appointment of a Master he is not eligible for re-election.

This amendment shall take effect as of January 27, 1950 and shall not be retroactive.

DEEP RUN HUNT CLUB

Richmond, Virginia.
Established 1887, 1923.
Recognized 1908.



Three o'clock on a Saturday afternoon is a sort of odd hour to fox hunt. Of course, the real reason we do this is to take care of those "tired business men" from the city, who still have to work on Saturday mornings, and have but little time for their sport. The surprising thing is how often we have a run.

Saturday the 17th of December was a fine hunting day, but a sudden cold snap, an important birthday party, and the general hurly-burly of Christmas had cut the field to a dozen stalwarts.

The meet was at Obie Gathright's lane. Leaving our well wishers in their cars on the Three Chopt Road, we proceeded down the lane, and cast hounds into the great woods to the north of the house. An especially friendly red had made his home there last season, and had never failed to show us his heels when-

ever we came his way. However, this afternoon he, too, must have been Christmas shopping, for we drew the covert completely blank without so much as a frightened squirrel crossing our view.

We worked hounds westward through the woods, and then turned south, crossing the west fork of Dover creek, and climbing to the higher ground opposite Waldrop's. Here Miss Betsy Bryan and Bruce McKaig had to drop out as they had an hour and a half's hack home. Hardly had they turned with Ruth-erford Spessard to guide them to a short cut across country, when hounds simply ran into a fox, and with a burst of music that could be heard for miles around, went away in a rush, hard in the direction of the Club property and Miller's Lane. Down across the ravine and into Jimmy Hughes' property they fairly flew; then back along the west fork again and did a complete circle back into the "Pea Hill" property where they had found.

At some point during the course of the circle Jimmy Tucker and Ollie Devine got thrown out, and now it was time for Jimmy Hughes also to say good-bye as he had an important engagement. At this point we must have headed our fox, for instead of continuing his circling, he turned to the south and set sail. Billy Hill, who used to drive airplanes for Uncle Sam and rides in a manner similar, Jerry Bemiss on his fine new hunter, Jewell Tyson who was really in for it, and Jack Sands who carried the horn, were all that were left to carry on.

Hounds were in full cry and beautifully packed, not a puppy left out. With never a check, they passed through Curtis' and on to Borles', where they swung right-handed towards Asa Shield's. Somewhere about there they crossed the Shallow Well Road and turning again south at Genito Creek, carried on through Jimmy Saunders, where we were once more level with them as we viewed them from the crest of Armentrout's hill. They streamed into the woods below Murray Bayliss' as the sun sank behind the hills of "Meadow View Farm".

With horses all but down to their bottoms after a chase that had lasted for the better part of an hour and a half through pretty wild country, Hill, Bemiss and Tyson said "Good-night", as Sands turned his horse into the woods. With young Jimmy Saunders, who had ridden up with a group of boys and girls, they started down towards hounds. As they reached the bottom of the hill where the chicken coops divide Bowles' from Bayliss' hounds were still in full cry and closing fast on their quarry. But the stout hearted red ranger had one trick left, and turned up the draw towards the rising moon, and before darkness completely closed in, popped into a main earth, and the day was done.

Hounds were blown off, collected, and the long walk home to kennels begun. As the lights of cars passed us on the road, they little knew the pleasant thoughts the lonely rider in the scarlet coat was thinking to himself as he rode homeward with his hounds, and the tall tales he would tell before the fire that evening.—O. J. S.

Beaglers Hunting Near Philadelphia Done By West Frazier 4th

It is too bad that the color effect of the picture on the cover of The Chronicle this week by a young Philadelphia artist could not be reproduced. Mechanical limitations limit the cover paintings to black and white and many of the effects are unhappily lost. West Frazier 4th has here painted the famous beagle pack, the Treweyn, of which David Sharp has been Master for a number of years. The artist has used oil as his medium and shows hounds drawing a covert readily recognised by followers of the pack as being across from Bill Evans pasture opposite the Radnor Hunt Club.

The artist painted his picture in a late winter afternoon with the brown grass and weeds showing through the snow. There was a sheet of ice along the ridges and the reflection of the late afternoon light upon the ice and snow gave a most unusual effect to the painting, unavoidably lost in the photograph.

Mr. Frazier studied two years with Mme. Capilino and three years at the Hussian School of art in Philadelphia. He painted the picture for Mr. and Mrs. S. Leonard Kent, Jr. which shows the good Treweyn hound, Mar in the foreground. Mr. Frazier has a real talent. His good sense of color combined with an imaginative, impressionistic style shows a great deal of promise. If one ever wanted a good picture of beagles working across a cold and frozen countryside, this painting of Treweyn hunting in the snow cannot fail to impress with its feeling for the occasion.

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This season at Unionville has been remarkable. Hounds have gone out 74 times, missing only one carded meet because of bad weather. In 74 days there have only been two blank—one during the cubbing, when the temperature was boiling, and one in December when it was cold with a high wind. Almost every day has been a day to record. On New Year's day the tremendous speed and uniformity of this pack was clearly illustrated by a record breaking run. The day started badly as the morning coverts had been disturbed by a Coatesville pack running a dropped fox through them. Changing the draw, hounds were put in Mullin's Hill and finding immediately, raced away through Mrs. Weir's lovely open fields, over James E. Ryan's gallop. Leaving his lower barn on the left hand, hounds swung on to the Maule west pasture, then right-handed across the Clonmell road into Carter's thicket, Bromley's swamp, over Mr. Kerr's into the Hoopes' meadow, then eastward, leaving Mr. Hoopes' barn on the left, to ground in Mr. Cowdin's open field. This was a 6-mile point in 14 minutes over a perfect line.

Needless to say, people were scattered from one end of the country to the other. However W. B. Cocks on Alvin Untermyer's good chasing prospect, Hyppolitus, by *Pharamond II, Miss Betty June Behney on a mare of J. Robert Tindle, J. Robert Tindle on a Hard Tack 4-year-old belonging to Mr. Strawbridge, John B. Hannum, 3rd on Cowboy by Milkman, 1948 winner of the Cheshire Point-to-Point (Ladies Race), Mrs. Hannum on a home-bred mare by Milkman, and Oscar Crossan on Tim, a point-to-point winner, had a veritable steeplechase to stay with the flying 20 1-2 couples.

Giving hounds and horses a rest and the Field a sandwich, a fox was found in the first covert drawn after lunch and he ran for over an hour before hounds were stopped at dusk.

Saturday, January 21, was a good hunting day. The going was fine, the weather pleasant and though scent was catchy in the morning, it improved enough to make this day one of the best ever.

Webb's was the first draw as the plan was to kill a mangy fox known to be there and then to go on through Upland, Chesterland Swamp and the rest of the Saturday country. Plans were shot as hounds spoke and a good fox was halloaed away the southwest side of Webb's woods. Hounds ran very fast through Russell's into Stanton's, across through McFarland's, and along the east edge of Upland woods. Then they streamed away to the east over the open fields of the Chandler Farm, where unfortunately this fox went to ground in the artificial earth north of the dairy. While marking him to ground, word was brought to us that our mangy fox was still in Webb's, so we went back there.

The rest of this remarkable day was made up of a series of remarkable incidents. First our mangy fox swung in a large circle over practically the same line as the first good fox. Then he ran on through the Upland Woods across to Pinkerton's where he swung back to Webb's, crossing the magnificent open galloping fields on the McFarland and Danby Farms. Here hounds were brought sharply to their noses and actually lost their fox back in Webb's. A fresh fox jumped up in the Rakestraw place and ran over Paul Sellers' to the Leonard Farm on Route 82, where he turned back over the Murphy Farm, across the Rakestraw place on to Burley Cocks' open field and into Webb's again.

Here hounds changed back on to their original mangy fox and he took off with all the drive of the healthiest fox in Chester County. For 3 1-2 hours he ran over the most beautiful line the Cheshire has to offer, going through Webb's through Upland, through the two Pinkertons, across the Brooklawn lane, through Taylor's, over the George Baldwin hill, through the Quarry, Wetzler's, straight through the Sheep Hill and over Mrs. Weir's open meadows on into Stony Battery.

Hounds checked for the first time on the cinder road west of this covert. The fox then ran the road past Ben Hiddleston's gate for almost a quarter of a mile. Hounds could barely own the line on this road but by the expression of their waving sterno and catching a glimpse of a fox track here and there, we managed to stay with our fox until he got on the grass again. Running on a somewhat catchy scent as our fox was now well ahead of us, hounds carried the line over the Jones' meadow into Mrs. Clara Baker's east woods, where hounds seemed able to drive on better. Now running on an improved scent, hounds drove over the J. Stewart Huston farm, straight through South Club Hill and through the Bromley paddocks without a check. However, they were luckily brought to their noses at the Bromley swamp where horses got a much needed breather while hounds took a few moments to recover the line where our fox had made a sharp turn going over to Carter's thickets. They ran well through Carter's thickets, but were once more at fault on the Clonmell Road west of the Maule house, where a halloa came from the Maule woods.

Lifting hounds over the road, they hit off the line and ran well through the Maule woods, over to Norman Reyburn's, where the fox changed his direction again from north to east and ran through Wetzler's, under the power line on Bailey's Hill, into the du Pont Quarry. Here a fresh fox came out with our mangy fox and unfortunately hounds changed, although we did not know it at the time. Our mangy fox went on through Taylor's and the fresh fox (a good one) carried us south through Brooklawn, over the Annie Mullin field, past the Joel Sharpless house, across the macadam road into Woodburn's and on to the London Grove Swamp.

Working our way through the swamp below the Haley barn, we saw a fresh fox come over from Thomforde's pines just ahead of hounds. Here again we changed foxes as this fox ran right under their noses. He made a left-hand circle by the London Grove school house through Woodburn's again and we stopped hounds as they came out of this covert. They had been running steadily for 5 hours, counting the time we took to mark our first fox to ground and not only hounds and horses were pretty well done, but the few members of a large Field, who were left, had had quite enough. It was then 4:30 and the only people left as we blew for the last straggling hounds to catch up were Vernon T. Mercer and his good man Carle, Burnett Wilson, J. Robert Tindle, Mr. and Mrs. John C. West, Miss Anne Miller on her well known Orphan Boy of show ring fame, Mrs. Robert E. Strawbridge, Jr. in her trusty Ford, Robert E. Strawbridge, Jr., Robert Wilson, John B. Hannum, 3rd who had taken Hobo home because of a pulled shoe, and returned in a motor car, E. H. Quigley, The Master and hunt staff.

Hounds had covered a good 30 miles and made better than a 7-mile point in these 3 1-2 hours.—Sandon.



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Redland Hunt had three kills in the month of January, making a total of seven so far for the season.

On January 18 the meet was at Muncaster Mill, at 11 A. M. Hounds found a grey in the Daisy Beard place, about ten minutes after being cast. He set his mask northwest and ran straight and fast to Brooke John's place, then to Jim Barnsleys', crossed the creek twice, through Ladson's, onto Colonel Ervin's farm. He had been in plain sight of the Field for about 15 minutes, running boldly, evidently a veteran at the sport. When he reached a corner of Col. Ervin's field he found the horses and riders had gotten there ahead of him by a more direct route. At sight of the horses cutting off his escape he calmly lay down in the honeysuckle, and waited while hounds, confused by the scent of horses, overran him.

When hounds discovered their error and returned, he made a break. The good bitch, Slicky, spotted him, and ran him by sight, followed with enthusiastic music by the rest of the pack. He made for his den in Buck Welch's meadow at a sizzling pace, the Field after him. A few feet from his den he decided a tree would be safer, and up he went. Huntsman Frank Fraley climbed after him. When Frank crawled out on the same limb the fox boldly bared his teeth, hair standing on end, and came at Frank. Frank evidently looked even meaner to the fox, for the grey decided to retreat, lost his balance and fell. Hounds accounted for him before he could get to his den.

This was the same field where Crompton Smith broke his leg in the Redland Races of 1940, and near where your scribe broke two bones in her back the same day. The whole hunt was reminiscent of a point-to-point, the most sustained fast going we've had in two years, much of it over country where Redland races have been held. Horses, hounds and riders were exhausted after the kill. The hunt was called off at the unprecedentedly early hour of 1 P. M.

The meet on the 21st was at Laytonsville. A red fox was promptly found, and he led us on a merry chase to Howard county. Again comments were heard about what excellent practise we were getting for the Redland races on March 4. Horses were really extended. The red was danned in Howard county.

We returned to Redland country, and hounds found a grey on the estate of Col. E. Brooke Lee. He also gave us a good chase for 50 minutes, and finally danned on the Ulysses Griffith place.

On January 25 the hunt met at Norwood. Hounds were cast in Moore's orchard, and got up a fox at once. He crossed the county road toward Olney. Then he ran through some cattle and pigs, turned, and came back. Hounds lost for a time, but picked up the scent again on the Kirk place. Farmers told us our fox was a red, evidently misled by the fact that he did have considerable

red on him. Like the grey we killed on the 18th, he gave us a good, straight fast run, as grey dog foxes sometimes do at this season of the year. He led the Field through thick pine woods, but hounds caught up with him soon thereafter, and brought him down in an open field.

There were three blank days in January, which is unusual for Redland, but with three kills and some very fast runs, we can not complain of a lack of sport. It is also a source of considerable satisfaction to the farmers that we are getting rid of the objectionable greys.

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**January 12:**

As it had rained in the early morning, only a small Field turned out but they were rewarded with an excellent morning's sport. After drawing all the Salem Center country blank, we found in a wooded knoll near Hardscrabble Road on the Lobdel property and after about 25 minutes, marked in an earth in William Meldrum's pasture land.

We drew many coverts blank and then found in swamp near Gene O'Riordan's stable and this fellow proved a good game fox. Circling the old Pfeffer swamp to near Peach Lake, hounds were pushing him hard so he headed west crossing Star Ridge Road on over Star Lea. He then went north almost into the village of Brewster where he doubled back and was viewed not over 100 yards in front of this fast driving pack as he came out of Star Lea wood. Recrossing Star Ridge the fox fairly flew over the Ryder Farm and on to Bloomerside where he was just able to drop in under a fallen oak tree. This run is described briefly but lasted about 2 hours.

January 14:

A high wind and weather like early September greeted the very good Field which met at the Kennels. We hacked out Baxter Road towards North Salem and cast in Von Gal's swamp where we have found many good foxes in years past but this year it has been a very poor covert. We worked on north and as we crossed the concrete road, hounds threw their heads in the air and with that great old American Hound cry which really makes your blood come a little nearer the surface, they were off on over to the west side of Peach Lake. As we popped over our 3 favorite jumps (now known as Faith, Hope and Charity), the wind was blowing furiously and it was very difficult to hear anything. Hounds swung down wind to Rock Ridge and right over the concrete road, on over Red Shield and Bates' farms and rolled this big red dog fox over on Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bolling's farm near Fields Lane. This was an exceptionally large fox and nothing was left but a good big mask which was presented to Mrs. James Parker, her first trophy of the chase. Several of the young members were blooded by the huntsman.

As it was too soft to ride over cultivated land, we drew over into the large woodland known as Hunting House Hill without the slightest thought of being egotistical about our pack. It was a pity we did not have some of the members of other hunts who have deer trouble. As we were drawing the north side with hounds well spread out, a large buck deer loped quietly out in front of hounds with his white flag flapping in the breeze. Hounds all viewed the deer and with just a command of "Leave It", not one hound started in pursuit.

In a rocky ledge on the south side of Hunting House Hill we found another large red and after being turned on several bridle paths by the Field, they drove him out the east side of woodland and after a short run he dropped in near Fields Lane. A very good morning for such a high wind. The fox we killed ran about an hour but where he made his mistake was running into the wind.

January 17:

After all the mid-September temperature dogging our heels, it was a hunter's pleasure to note 20 de-

grees above at 7 a. m. but it warmed up considerably as a small Field met at 11 a. m. We drew in back of Mr. Parish's house and about 15 minutes after moving off, we heard Bitts open up away off to the west. We lifted the pack and galloped to his reliable tongue. But evidently there were 2 foxes and the pack struck a line. They ran back by Whelpley's jump on by Rock Ridge, swinging fast to the south over Anson Lobdell's and marking in along a stone wall on Battery Farm. We could still hear old Bitts drumming an old line over Windswept Farm and we drew the swamp covert along Delancey Road where we jumped the other fox. While he was well in front of the pack, we finally got our 2nd Reynard running. Hounds ran fast by Cowles' pond and marked this fox in woodland on Rock Ridge Farm, not over 400 yards from where they marked the first fox in.

As it was quite nippy on our fingers and we drew many coverts blank, as we came out on concrete road Route 124 we decided to draw one more woodland and if no luck, call it a day. As we were heading towards this draw, Batchelor and Songstress threw their heads in the air, apparently getting a faint wind of a fox off to the west. So we followed and about 1-2 mile away the entire pack winded their fox and found deep in Red Shield swamp and were off in full cry over towards Hunting House Hill. Before we reached that point, we viewed a big red running the top of a stone wall with the pack running hard not over 100 yards back. Our pilot turned and came right back by the Field with the pack still pushing hard, on pack to starting point. He crossed Route 124, back over the Howe farm, on through von Gal's swamp and over Dr. Edw. Nichols. Hounds marked their fox to ground on a hilltop overlooking Charles Nichols' house. This run lasted a little over an hour and scent was excellent in sod fields, woodland and swamps but needed a little help on corn stubble and bridle paths. So we returned to the kennels with 3 more foxes accounted for.

January 21:

The ground was frozen hard and covered with a light snow as a small Field of the real die-hards turned out. About 5 minutes after leaving the kennels, hounds opened up strong. A big red was viewed running along the edge of Bloomerside golf course with the pack in hot pursuit. Scent was excellent and we had to really sit down and ride to keep on even terms with hounds. They ran north via the outlet of Peach Lake, then swung right through the big swamp, crossed the North Salem Road via Vail's golf course. Then they swung left, crossing Dongle Ridge Road and turned right near the Danbury-Brewster Road. Then it was east for about a 3-mile point over into the edge of Connecticut which was evidently his home and after a few big circles, hounds marked in under a big double wall on the Ives farm. This run lasted 1 hour and 30 minutes with only one short check and was really one good gallop.

While running this fox, Boss got off on another fox and about 1-2 mile from where we marked our first fox in, we found Boss driving his fox hard over Dr. Ratchford's farm. We threw the pack in and ran over 3-

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This was quickly done and they were recast across from Morton's and immediately jumped Sir Reynard who took us across the back of Winnill's to Lee's. We crossed the Springs Road into Dorst's woods, coming out into St. Leonard's back field. Turning right over the stone wall, across two fields where tallyho was called, it was a beautiful sight to look down and see a lovely red fox with 8 1-2 couple of the original 10 right on him. Across the bottom towards the main house, he swung left at the gate to the Orchard. There he crossed two fields and then turned sharp left back across the road and through the

Bells Farm, then the length of the big Merry's wood and as they came out the south end of this woodland, 2 foxes were on foot. We followed half the pack on over Dongle Ridge and after about 40 minutes more, marked this fox in on an open hillside on 8-Bells.

By this time the other part of the pack had driven their fox right out of hearing. Later we found where they had crossed Dongle Ridge Road running south. This was also a very large fox, judging by the size of the footprints he left in the snow. Just before dark we were able to get the others off as they were driving steadily on Dongle Ridge Farm. An excellent day! —C. H.

HUNTING

wheat field at St. Leonard's, going right around the barn and through the sheep up into Shipmedilly woods where the eight remaining members called it a day after a hard run of about 2 hours.

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In the old days the Masters of Beagles Dinners provided a much needed, if somewhat spirited rest, between the effort of showing hounds all day at the Riding Club and enjoying oneself all night at the Beaux Arts Ball. Both of these attractions have failed to survive the atomic era, but the dinner itself is as hardy a perennial as ever, with twenty Masters and seventeen others attending the 18th annual gathering on January 27 at the Knickerbocker Club in New York.

Oliver Iselin, president of the National Beagle Club, was toastmaster and kept the hounds of memory romping around the horseshoe table, while Morgan Wing, the secretary, saw to it that everyone was well supplied with excellent food and drink. The continued success of these dinners, in fact, is due in large measure to the work and effort of the honorary secretary.

The first speaker was R. V. N. Gambrill, Master of the Vernon-Somerset Beagles and long the mainstay of the National Beagle Club. He remarked that he started beagling 40 years ago and his pack is still hunting at Peapack, N. J. He was recently elected president of the Masters of Beagles and Harriers Association of Great Britain, the first American to hold that honor. He stressed the necessity of importing more European hares from Canada and deplored the passing of the New York Hound Show which formerly meant so much to hunt servants.

Joe Child, Master of the Waddingfield Beagles of Massachusetts, introduced Frank Appleton, a nephew of the famed Mr. Jimmie, president of the National Beagle Club for so many years. The Waddingfield were founded in 1885 and are still going strong—so strong in fact that the Selectmen of a certain New England village brought action against them for "babbling."

Charlie Rogers, Master of the Timber Ridge Bassets, spoke of some fine runs down in his Maryland country after hog. His bell-toned hounds gave a two hundred pounder an exhausting chase and actually broke up and ate a strippling bacon factory of forty pounds. Despite this alleged fall from grace, I have been out a good many times with the Timber Ridge and seen them account for their hare after long and difficult runs.

Allan Snowden, Master of the Don Valley Beagles of Toronto, and the only master among us with a plethora of European hare to hunt, said he would be delighted to help anyone wishing to import these little kangaroos legally. Some States have misguided opinions on the subjects, and there was a time when bootleggers wanted a bit more for running hare than they did for liquor. The beagling family was admirably demonstrated by Horatio Ford, Master of the Widford Beagles of Cleveland, Ohio. Both his son and his grandson are active with the pack.

One of the great packs of New England was the Fairfield of Darien, Conn. and it was a pleasure to see Dave Challinor, husband of the Master, at the dinner. Mrs. Challinor was for many years a member of my Field when I hunted the Kingsland Beagles at New Canaan and their daughter, Mary, whipped for me right up to the start of the last war.

Ben Perry, Master of the Tantivy Beagles of South Carolina, and a modern Jorrock on the speaker's platform, gave us an apt phrase for an expectant mother rabbit—an ingrown hare. His other renderings were equally pithy but unfortunately not printable.

Bunny Sharp of the Treweryn spoke sadly of the passing of Bob Harrison and the assembly rose in respect. Luther Wade, another well

known beagler of bygone days, was also reported missing by the secretary.

No beagle dinner is complete without "Albert and the Lion" but Kimball Clement, long the bard for this famous poem, came a distinct cropper in his rendering. Albert was not even in the lion's jaws when Kimball quit. A motion was passed that he brush up before the next year's dinner.

The concluding speaker was Chetwood Smith, Master of the Sir Sister Beagles from 1908 to the present. Despite his 76 years, Chet still hunts and wins classes at the trials. There is a beagler to emulate.

The following letter was read in part by the secretary and belongs in the annals of the chase:

Dear Mr. Wing:

Many thanks for the premium list with Memo attached ((invitation) to attend the National.

May I say, nothing would have pleased me more, but after all the Old Boy is just a poor country boy of 54. The hounds? I have run them far, as proof—my wife calls herself a "Hound Widow."

If there is one hunt which I would like to see—it is the National (Pack Trial) for I have no idea how a pack should be run or handled. I have 8 couples of little hounds which I run "according to nature." I am the sole Master, huntsman, whipper-in, kennel attendant, nurse maid and most of the time Gallery. Now when a fellow runs hounds without an audience and with the aid of a Sonotone—boy he's got to love it. Few people I know understand or appreciate listening and watching a pack of little hounds "put on the show." Therefore, I am compelled to go without gallery. If I encouraged the gun, then I'd have more than hounds but there are two things which I detest behind my hounds, one is a gun, the other an automobile. I'm like Richard Sharp's (A North Country Meet), courtesy Field Sports (England) H and H page 50, December 1948. "Damn guns and automobiles. No good for hunting."

Yep, I wrote David Thays a couple of weeks ago, I was trying to raise the morale of my pack with a little color. Got tired of wearin' G. I. rags and decided to get them out of the "briar thicket class." Had 'em already workin' to the horn (started on a caw and graduated them to a copper). Tried to find a second hand set of gear (cap and gown). Wrote everybody I thought made color. Whitney was too busy to acknowledge—also a couple of other New England Yanks. Guess they didn't want the Rebels to look their class. Wrote to Wanamaker's—they couldn't even tell me who handled theirs—so I went out to see George Thomas, huntsman Sedgefield Hounds (fox). He gave me Chase Publishing Company at Lexington, Ky. I got a plain velvet cap, then old friend Sears and Roebuck dished out a pair of breeches. I have an old horse blanket (or rather a sheet) which from the color was perhaps designed by an O'Dwyer, Flannigan or O'Murphy. Think I'll have my wife make me a coat out of it if I can find a pattern. My hounds have got to have color.

Now, Mr. Morgan Wing, if you can tell me where I can get a catalog or a picture which shows a beagler's costume or livery, etc., I will

appreciate it. I have never had the pleasure of seeing a pack go into the field with all the pomp (and I don't know that I could stand it).

My neighbor in the adjoining country attends many trials but those boys seem to like a different element in their hounds. I ran the high hound with 36 starters.

Well, I could rave on and on into the night so here's good health and happy running.

Sincerely,

H. W. Hayes
"Frog"

The following packs were represented:

The Buckram Beagles—L. K. Warden, Owen Frisbie, J. Wooderson Glenn, John C. Baker, Edward M. Ward, Jr., John L. Eyre, Thomas Holliwel, R. W. Henry, Bromley Stone.

The Treweryn Beagles—David Sharp, William Battin, William Gubbel.

The Sandanona Beagles—Morgan Wing, Jr.

The Vernon Somerset Beagles—Richard Gambrill, Hovey Clark, James Casey, Frank Johnson.

The Tantivy Beagles—Bennett Perry
The Waddingfield Beagles—Joe Child, Frank Appleton.

The Pentucket Beagles—Kimball Clement.

The Sir Sister Beagles—Chetwood Smith.

The Timber Ridge Bassets—Charles Rodgers, Victor Weybright.

The Bethel Lake Beagles—Thomas Grier.

The St. Peters Foot Beagles—Alexander Saunders.

The Widford Beagles—Horatio Ford.
The Don Valley Beagles—Allan Snowden.

The Kinsland Beagles—Philip K. Crowe.

The Fairfield Beagles—David Challinor.

The White Oaks Harriers—Thompson Barker.

Sporting Dogs

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er. Fritzzy his top dog, is 15 years old and still going strong, while two pups, sons of Fritzzy, have 5 coons each to their credit at the tender age of 8 months. Mr. Brothwell's neighbor, Vincent Beck, has deserted the hunting field for the job of Dog Warden of Fairfield. Besides his duties as Dog Warden, Mr. Beck finds time to run field trials for the Southport Kennel Club and indulge in a few coon hunts with his black and tan coon hound Smokey.

Cocker Spaniels are favorites with The Pierre Dauvergnés and the Jacques Nordemans, both of The Oaks Hunt. Dr. Daniel P. Twohig, who acts as Field Master in Mr. Dauvergne's absence, prefers his Irish Setter.

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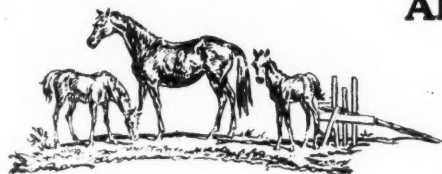
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Thoroughbreds

Pending Litigation Places Hialeah Starts Back In the Open Gate Stage; Theory Best 3-Year-Old On Ground

Joe H. Palmer

Those who regret the mechanization of racing were able to take a step backward at Hialeah on February 3, when it was announced that because of "litigation now pending in the federal courts" the start would be made from open gates. The ins and outs of this are perhaps too de to explain, but it comes more or less to this: Last year the Puett Gate Company entered suit against the United Gate, which is more frequently called the "Cassidy gate," charging infringement of two patents and also unfair competition. The decision, handed down late in December, cleared the United Gate of unfair competition and of one of the charges of patent infringement. However, it held that one patent, which had something to do with the mechanism which releases the doors to the stalls, had been infringed.

The United Gate appealed this decision, and kept on using the gate. After Hialeah opened, the Puett Company obtained an injunction against further infringement of the patent. The United Gate posted a bond, pending the appealed decision, and went on using the gate. The Baltimore judge who had issued the injunction held this to be contempt of court, and fined George Cassidy personally and the United Gate generally. With that Hialeah went to work with the open stalls. Back in New York employees of the United Gate were working feverishly on a new lock which did not infringe the Puett patent.

Out on the track Cassidy's assistant, Harry Palmer, was working just as feverishly trying to get decent starts with horses and jockeys who had known nothing but a break from the enclosed stalls. On the whole he did remarkably well. I couldn't see that the riders were breaking up starts trying to beat them; there were a few who were slow getting off, and more horses than usual broke into the air. But the starts on Friday and Saturday weren't too bad. They were about what we used to get regularly from the old Bahr gate and others which did not have doors. And they accentuated how much better modern starts are.

At the end of the week it was understood that a Puett gate had been leased for the rest of the meeting, though it would take four or five days to get it down from New

York. When it arrived, Cassidy was to take over the starting again.

An interesting comeback at Hialeah has been that of John Marsch's Ol' Skipper, a 4-year-old son of Occupation. As a 2-year-old he won the George Woolf Memorial Stakes, beating Olympia and others, and he placed in several others. At 3 he started once, in May, and then went out of training with a cyst on his leg above the knee. He didn't get back to racing again until January 27, when he ran in front all the way and won from Irish Sun, Lorient, and others, in 1:10 2-5. Then he returned on February 2 and won at 7 furlongs from Hash Night, Jam Session, and some others, in 1:23. He was in front all the way again, and he won easily by 4 lengths.

Of course the fact that he had been out made it possible to get him in easy races. Both of these were for non-winners of \$3,500 twice in 1949-50, so that horses of real stakes ability were kept out. But he won them nicely and in good time.

Another winner on the same day, and in fact of the second division of the same race, was Bermill Farm's 7-year-old Bug Juice. He came from well back, with his usual late run, and got up in the last sixteenth. He's a gelding by *Challenger II, and his record is unusual in that he's been good enough to run in stakes right along, and never good enough to



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win one. Hialeah seems to be his dish. He was 3rd in the Widener two years ago—that was the El Mono one—and he was 2nd in the Miami Beach, Palm Beach, and Royal Palm Handicaps. Last year he was 2nd in the Palm Beach and 3rd in the Seminole. He can beat stakes horses, but not in stakes, and the best consolation his owner has is that he's won about \$90,000 while he was trying.

I thought Theory's race in the Bahamas Handicap was hard to evaluate. On the positive side he won it; he did it with one run through the stretch, and he carried top weight of 124 pounds. To look at it the other way, he was in a moderately hard drive to beat Cross Wave which was a \$12,000 plater at Tropical, and hung on surprisingly well under his 109 pounds. And the time of 1:24 3-5 was nothing remarkable.

I guess I will have to take Theory's side on this one, on the ground that he didn't run 7 furlongs; he ran only 3. At the far turn he had only two horses beaten, and he lost a world of ground getting into contention. Possibly 7 furlongs isn't nearly as much as he wants, either. At all events, if he isn't the best 3-year-old on the grounds, I don't know what is. I had some hopes for Greek Ship and Fox Time, but the former faded after getting close, and the latter was never in it. First

Glance had early speed under 106 pounds, but he dropped back all through the stretch.

The only other possibility in the field, as far as the race itself indicated, was Hal Price Headley's Loto-white. He wasn't anywhere in the early running, but he was closing with fine speed, going faster than either of the horses ahead of him. He would have had Cross Wave in two or three more strides. Whether he could ever have caught Theory or not is what we've got to see. Loto-white is a colt by Devil Diver, which interests me in him automatically, because I thought Devil Diver was about the best handicap horse I've been around. One of the best, anyway, now that I think it over.

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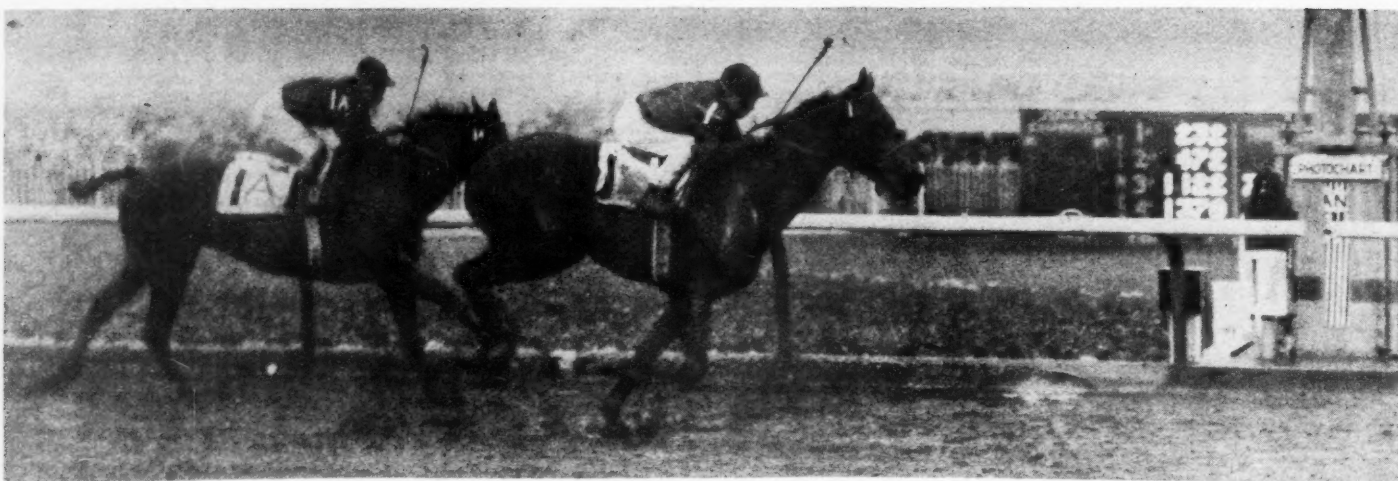
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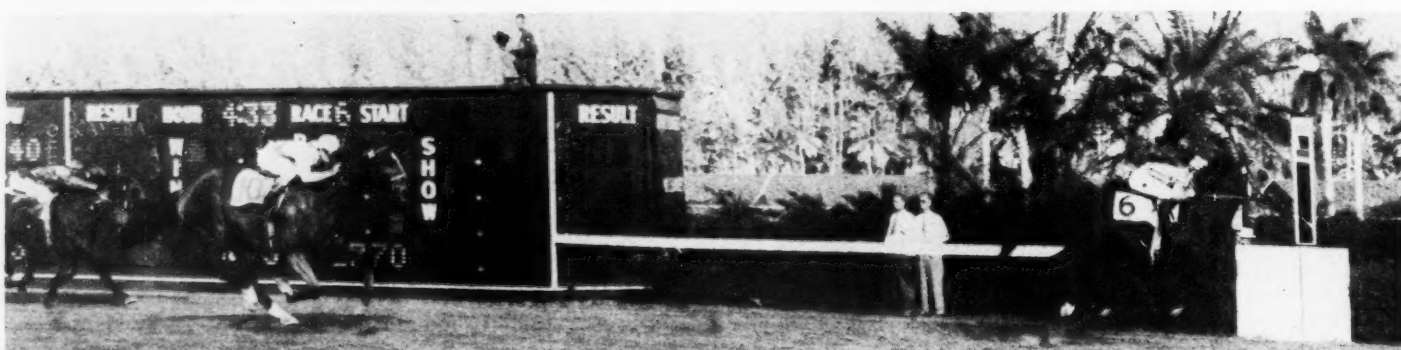
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CALUMET finishing 1, 2 in the Santa Anita Maturity. Ponder (No. 1), Jockey Steve Brooks up, followed by Two Lea, Eddie Arcaro up, coasted to victory and added another \$95,200 to the Calumet coffer. (Santa Anita Photo)



*CHICLE II, defeating Brookmeade Stable's Going Away and Cherry-Oca Stable's Pellicle in the Bougainvillea 'Cap at Hialeah. The br. 5-year-old son of Foxglove—Candy, by La Brige, owned by Palatine Stable, is another winning importation from the Argentine. (Hialeah Photo)



SIAMA, Cain Hoy Stable's b. f., by Tiger—China Face, winning the 4th running of the Jasmine Stakes at Hialeah. J. C. Hauer's Ari's Mon (No. 8) 2nd, F. E. Dixon, Jr.'s Honey's Gal, 3rd with Dickey Stable's Growing Up getting a head and hoof into the picture for 4th. (Hialeah Photo)



*CHICLE II, H. Woodhouse up, parading to the post before the start of the Bougainvillea 'Cap at Hialeah Park. (Hialeah Photo)



PONDER, Steve Brooks up, in the winner's circle. (L. to r.): Paul Ebelhardt, mgr. of Calumet Farm; Miss Evelyn Keyes, actress; Leight M. Battson, Los Angeles Turf Club president; Mrs. Jimmy Jones and Trainer Jimmy Jones. (Santa Anita Photo)

Racing At Santa Anita

Mrs. John Payson Adams' *Miche Hands Calumet's Citation His Third Defeat; *Alibhai's Get Win Santa Susana

Aidan Roark

To every dog his day, not that Mrs. John Payson Adams' *Miche is by any means a dog, but when he beat Citation he certainly did have his day, and a great one it was for the gray Argentine horse and his popular owner. Mrs. Adams, nee Muriel Vanderbilt, presides over an extensive breeding establishment near San Jose, Calif. She is a strong supporter of racing in this state, and on the eastern seaboard where her white and black silks have been carried successfully. We were sorry to see Citation beaten for the third time in his career, but if it had to happen, we are glad that the honor fell to the lot of Mrs. Adams who is a fine sportswoman and knows considerably more than a thing or two about horseflesh.

Those connected with Citation made no excuses for his defeat, and while he may have been in somewhat close quarters down the backstretch, he had plenty of room thereafter and was going well in the last stages of the 6-furlong sprint. Some observers thought he would have won with another eighth to go, but to our eye it did not look that way. On the contrary, it appeared to us that *Miche was running the stronger of the two and might even have increased his lead slightly. At this stage in his preparation no apology need be made for Citation's near miss, but if anyone wished to reach for an excuse, a possible explanation might lie in the fact that he worked 6-furlongs in 1:15 and a fraction the day before the race. However, as far as the race is con-

cerned it just happens that Citation met a very sharp horse that day and found the task of spotting *Miche a bit more than he was ready for at sprint distance.

Some great horses have been beaten by almost unknown flash-in-the-pans, but *Miche is far from falling into that class for he has licked some very useful sprinters in excellent time. He has proved that he could carry his speed to 1 1-4 miles when he won from a good field in 2:02 1-5 at Tanforan last December.

Citation will probably make his next start in the San Antonio on Feb. 11, and should he win this event which we rather expect him to, he and whatever other horses Calumet sends to the post with him in the Santa Anita Handicap will no doubt start at the shortest price in the history of this race. Incidentally, C. S. Howard, who won two handicaps with Seabiscuit and *Kayak II, will have another strong contender in this one. His entry will be *Noor, a 5-year-old by Nasrullah—Queen of Baghdad, by *Bahram. This horse showed excellent form when beaten a length by Solidarity in the 1 1-16 mile San Pasqual. He came from far back to finish in front of Ponder, Olympia, *Miche, Fervent, John's Joy and others.

In our last notes we said that Calumet appeared to have a strangle hold on the rich Maturity, and so it proved. When the 9-horse field came to the last turn it was quite obvious that nothing else had a chance. It was only a question of

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PEAKE, his second dam, also produced the winners Pasteurized (Belmont, E. View Stakes, sire); Circus, (also 3rd Pimlico Spring Maiden 'Chase), Top Milk, Kumyss and Delmarva.

POLKA DOT, his third dam, won Coaching Club American Oaks, 3rd Alabama Stakes, dam of winners Lady Polka, Euris and producers Pensacola, Old South.

NEW MOON was winner of \$128,350 and is the leading money winning son of Discovery now in the stud. New Moon won 21 races, was 2nd 20 times, 3rd 20 times. His victories include triumphs in the Ritchie (twice), Baltimore Spring, Aqueduct, Capitol, Jennings, Atlantic City, Inaugural and Valley Forge Handicaps. New Moon defeated Armed, Polynesian, Alexis, Cassis, Brookfield, The Doge, Kopla, Porter's Cap, etc.

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WAND, his dam, won the Matron Stakes beating Dawn Play, Talma Dee, Apogee and others. She has produced 3 foals, all winners, two of stakes class: Halberd and Caduceus, (3rd in Belmont Futurity) also Warlock.

BATON, his second dam, also produced the stakes winners Boatwain (sire), and Kearsarge, (sire); Baton Rouge, (dam of 5 winners including Firethorn, stakes winner and dam of stakes winners); Ma Minnie, (dam of stakes winner.)

*BATANOEA, his third dam, also produced Son o' Battle (stakes winner, sire); Corvette, (stakes winner and dam of stakes winner); Spun Gold, (dam of winners and stake winner).

HALBERD started 8 times at two: won 1, second 3 times and 3rd once. Out of 19 registered foals in his first two crops, he sired 10 winners of 28 races and a total of \$62,840 in first monies.

*BLENHEIM 2nd, his sire, won the Epsom Derby, New Hopeful Stakes, Manton Plate, ran 2nd in Champion Stakes, Sandown Stud Produce Stakes, Middle Park Stakes, etc. and sire of winners of 65,871 pounds in England and of 2,532,563 francs in France. Here he has led the sire list once, been second once and third once. His get have won 799 races and \$3,558,484 to end of 1948. His stake winners are: Whirlaway, (champion 2, 3 and 4-year-old and 5th on list of world's greatest money winners; 32 wins and \$561,161); *Mahmoud, Thumbs Up, Jet Pilot, Fervent, etc.

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It may be a trifle early to be looking over yearlings that are going to be sold this summer. However, by doing so one can see the improvement as they are developed, and also learn the different methods used by each farm in trying to get their yearlings at a peak, come sales time.

Nydrie Stud always seems to have one of the top consignments to Saratoga, and this year's crop is no exception to the general rule; in fact at this early date, the 1950 crop could be Nydrie Stud's most outstanding. The crop includes yearlings by such excellent sires as Whirlaway, Count Fleet, *Heliopolis, Pilate, *Blenheim II, Some Chance, Questionnaire, *Hierocles, Shut Out, Pavot, Devil Diver, *Flushing II, also the young, very good prospects, First Fiddle and Pot o' Luck.

The mating of such sires to the outstanding producing mares, such as Nydrie has, plus the excellent care that is lavished on them, can only result in A-1 prospects at sale time. This is the theory that Danny and Ray work by, and it seems to have proven itself over the years.

Besides the 14 yearlings at Nydrie Stud, there is a bay filly, by *Blenheim II—Black Wave, at A. B. Hancock's Claiborne Stud, in Lexington, Ky., which is jointly owned by Mr. Hancock and the Van Cliefs. Black Wave is going to *Ambiorix this year.

The old stallion, Pilate, ch., 1928, by Friar Rock—*Herodias, by The Tetrarch, is spending his last years at Nydrie Stud. It is doubtful that more than one or two mares will go to him this season, as he proved sterile last year.

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*Don Jose was flown from France to America and never missed a meal on the way, the trip being such a pleasant one. Count de la Fregonniere has shipped horses both by boat and by plane and prefers the latter as it is so much easier on the animals, and takes only a fraction of the time.

*Don Jose wasn't the best race horse in France. However, he was a good winner over all distances, carrying among the top weights, and placing in several stakes. He is a very good looking individual and has the best of manners. He will stand at Huntland for \$500 fee.

There are several well bred mares and fillies at Huntlands, namely: *Samarang, br., 1944, by *Goya II—Dadjiane, by Papyrus. She has a yearling filly (*Lutetia) by *Priam II and was covered by Ardan before Ardan was imported to this country.

*Lutetia is by Caracalla, which is by Tourbillon, and one of the best horses ever to race in France. He was unbeaten, winning 8 races, including the Grand Prix de Paris, French St. Leger, Ascot Gold Cup and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Therefore this filly will be retained as a broodmare after she has raced.

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The last scene in a 5-act dispersal of the L. B. Mayer Thoroughbred stock was dramatized Monday evening, January 23, at Hollywood Park, Calif. The Fasig-Tipton Company auctioned off a cast of 42 top lineage 2-year-olds for a total of \$605,250, or an average of \$14,410 per head. The entire five-section sale of 248 horses netted \$4,479,650.

Bidding was spotty, the vendue being, on the whole, definitely not as sensational as some of the others dating back to February 27, 1947. What is quixotically termed the law of diminishing returns probably acted as a restraint to many in the gathering of perhaps 2,000, give or take a little. Consequently the "high" of the vendue was the \$42,500 paid by Leslie Combs II, of Lexington, Ky., for Honeymoon's half-brother, Graphic, an arresting chestnut, foaled May 27, 1948, and sired by *Alibhai, from the Chance Shot mare Panoramic. Honeymoon, as is well known, was the leading money winning filly one season and is 2nd on the list of money winning mares of all time. She is a winner of 18 races and \$370,125, to date. Quite naturally, the colt's appearance, his relationship to Honeymoon and other competent performances—plus the fact that *Alibhai stands at Mr. Combs' Spendthrift stud—prompted the astute judge of horseflesh to acquire the horse. Mr. Combs' determination was evidenced when he opened the bidding with an offer of \$20,000. A duel ensued between the Kentuckian and a few others, principally Tom Gray, of Tulsa, Okla., owner of Oil Capitol, who went to \$42,000. Mr. Gray declined to go above \$42,500.

With but one exception, and that was on the occasion of the entrance into the ring of Trusting—brother to On Trust, winner of 18 races and \$497,920—that electrifying tension, a feeling of suspense, was missing. Trusting's appearance did briefly liven activities. A round of applause greeted the announcement by Humphrey S. Finney, interlocutor for Fasig-Tipton, that, "...here is the brother to On Trust, greatest California-bred of modern times". Nat Deverish, of Beverly Hills, started things off with \$25,000... Tom Gray then stepped in and made it \$30,000... a banding of bids from various sectors increased the figure until Trainer Willie Molter, acting for Mrs. R. E. Warner, wife of film magnate Harry M. Warner, closed the bidding at \$40,000.

The third highest was Mohammedan, a bay colt by *Mahmoud—Painted Veil which fetched \$36,000 from I. J. Collins of Lancaster, Ohio. Mr. Collins has made some good buys; Vulcan's Forge, being one of his latest and before that, back in the late '30's he got a bargain in the mare Paradisical.

Other top prices were \$35,000

which C. H. Jackson, Jr., of Santa Barbara, Calif., paid for the colt Patronage, by *Alibhai—Samaritan and thereby a member of the family of Vincentine, well known to Virginia and Maryland race-goers, Chalphen, Swift, No Wrinkles and others; the very feminine type filly Bel Ami, also a daughter of *Alibhai, from the *Beau Pere mare, *Bel Amour III (dam of Cover Up among others) for which Leslie Combs II laid out \$32,500; Joystick, which sold for \$25,000 to George W. Ring, of Los Angeles; the very attractive Lease Hound, a son of *Alibhai—Dark Channele for which Tom Gray went to \$22,500 and Leisure Time, a colt with substance and quality which Mrs. Harry Curland, of Los Angeles, got for \$20,500. He is another *Alibhai, out of the half-sister to Johnstown and Jacala—French Vamp, she by Stimulus.

The very capable auctioneer George Swinebroad "carried" the sale. If it had not been for his persuasiveness with bidders the vendue could have turned into a fiasco, especially in the early stages when it was touch and go. He "sweated it out", though. By the force of his personality he enticed this one and that one to go another \$500, or \$250 and eventually got a few thousands more than, at first, it appeared the colt or filly would bring.

The sire *Mahmoud, with only two offsprings in the group, averaged best with \$25,500 each. In point of numbers, though, the *Alibhai's were the highlight since 12 of them brought \$286,750 for an average of \$23,895.

Eight of the defunct *Beau Pere's averaged \$15,125 per head and 9 of Free France's offsprings each commanded \$4,611. The next largest group was that sired by Thumbs Up and this sextet averaged \$8,458 per individual. Two horses sired by Manitoba, he by Manna, and an outstanding 2-year-old colt of his year in England, leading sire in Australia, brought \$23,500, the colt *Melbourne \$13,500 from Mrs. Nat Goldstone, of Beverly Hills, and *Randwick \$10,000 from H. L. Daniels, agent. Daniels, by the way, trains for Mayer's son-in-law William Goetz, a conspicuous purchaser at past sales of the motion picture executive.

Eiffel Tower, listed with *Beau Pere, as the sire of Sophomore had only this one representation which

fetched \$5,500 from the partnership of Tom Clark and Tobe Foster of Tucson, Ariz. Bimelech and *Domingo, were represented by one horse apiece which brought \$20,000 and \$5,250, respectively.

At every Mayer dispersal in the past something novel has occurred. The first of the five vendues saw a radiocast of part of the proceedings and close to 15,000 fans jammed Santa Anita clubhouse to either bid or preen. That was the occasion, also, for the disposal of Busher, Be Faithful and the outstanding mare Honeymoon. At another time 3 mares and weanlings on board ship in the Pacific, delayed due to a shipping strike, were sold sight unseen and on the strength of pedigree and pictures. Then there was the successful \$200,000 bid by Harry M. Warner for Stepfather and E. Dale Shaffer's \$100,000 purchase of Be Faithful. At this finale interest centered on My Host, brother to the stakes winner Your Host, California's most prominent Kentucky Derby representative, impressive recent winner at Santa Anita and latest of the Mayer-bred to go over the \$100,000 earnings mark.

The Mayer Saga

An era in California Thoroughbred breeding came to an end with the Mayer disposal. It had its beginning in the late '30's when Mr. Mayer acquired his first horses, picked up momentum in 1940 and really got started when his Perris, Calif., farm was completed in 1941. In the years he has been breeding, he has had but slightly more than 100 mares and they produced just 316 foals. The average earnings of these foals is slightly in excess of \$11,000 but, in consideration of the fact that all the foals did not race, the per head average that competed is much higher. Since 1944, when the Mayer-breds first made their appearance, horses bred by the movie magnate have

earned close to \$5,000,000.

Louis Burt Mayer started his fabulous career as his father's assistant in a ship salvage business. Born July 4, 1885, in Minsk, Russia, he was at three months of age taken to New Brunswick, Canada, where he grew up and engaged in his father's business after a brief public school education.

Mr. Mayer's title in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture company is that of "executive in charge of production". It was he who helped bring to the industry some of the greatest names in show business. He became interested in the motion picture business in Boston. In 1907 he went to Haverhill, Mass., purchased a small burlesque and variety theatre, rebuilt it and renamed it the "Orpheum". He installed a women's orchestra and booked the Passion Play, a hand-colored film of that day

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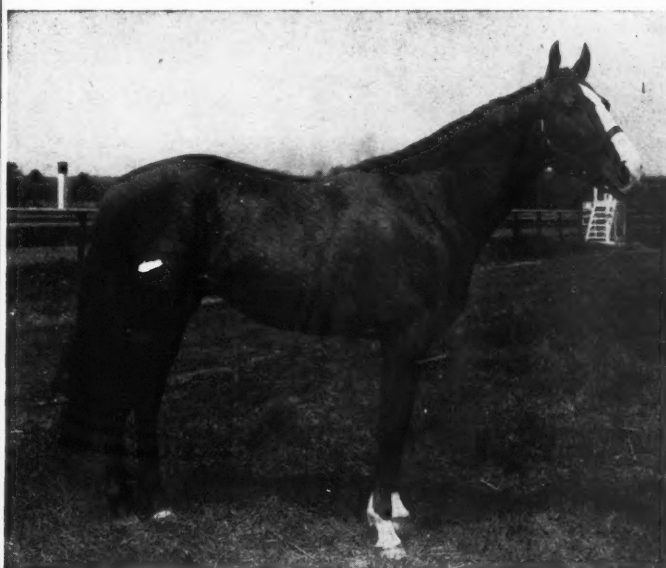
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Backstage In Florida

F. W. Hooper and John Kinard's Horses Trade Sanita Anita Stalls For Stabling Space At the Current Hialeah Meeting

Tom Shehan

Ivan Parke, trainer for Fred W. Hooper, owner of Olympia, *Colossal, and other horses, and his brother, Monte, trainer of John Kinard, owner of John's Joy, among others, arrived from California singing the praises of Your Host, the west coast candidate for the Kentucky Derby. "He can run fast and he can run far," said Monte. "I think he's a better horse than Oil Capitol."

"No Monte, I can't go with you on that," said Ivan. "He's a good horse, but I don't know whether or not he's a better horse than Oil Capitol. Oil Capitol is a real nice horse."

Both Monte and Ivan shipped their horses east to Miami because the star horses of their stables showed no liking for the Santa Anita racing strip.

"Olympia just didn't like that track," said Ivan who shipped to the coast in October and stayed there until the latter part of January. "I'd stayed there if *Colossal had shown any disposition to run, but he didn't like the track at all."

Monte had virtually the same thing to say about John's Joy. "He won his last start," he said, "but he was climbing and so I decided to come east with Ivan. I don't even have stalls, but I took a chance on coming just the same."

Judging by his performance here on Monday, Jan. 30 when he finished 2nd to Jerry McCarthy's Eagle Eye, Arnold Hanger's *Balan will be a sharp horse for the McLennan and the Widener. The South American was taken back repeatedly by Conn McCreary going down the backstretch, but was running over horses at the end of the 6 furlongs. *Balan, in case you have forgotten, is trained by Horatio Luro, who seems to understand how to handle these South Americans.

Sylvester W. Labrot, who contributed as much to the salvation of the New Orleans Fair Grounds for racing as anybody, has bought a house at Hobe Sound, Fla., and now proclaims himself a Florida Cracker. Labrot, who has Hackett Point Farm in Md., has a stable of horses racing at Hialeah under Trainer Johnny Rowan.

Moody Jolly, who saddled Harry Guggenheim's Siama to win the Jas-

mine Stakes at Hialeah on Saturday, Jan. 30, admits that he purchased that daughter of Tiger—China Face from Ed Thomas of Paris, Ky. merely on what he saw her do while finishing 3rd in a stakes race at Detroit.

Major Nicholas Collin of the Anglo Irish Bloodstock Agency was a Hialeah visitor en route to South America. He says that ever since his firm sold a son of Hyperion by the name of Hypocrite in Venezuela, stable owners in that country have been plaguing his firm for another horse like him. Hypocrite, which was bred by Lord Sefton, won 19 races in that country and is an equine star there, although he sold cheaply enough.

Introduced to Major Collin, George Poole, trainer of the Florida division of the Greentree Stable, asked him how Paracutin, an ex-Whitney horse, was doing in England under Gerald Balding's training. "He had won 8 races at the various meets before I left home," recalled Poole.

Naturally, that conversation brought up the name of Shackleton, another roguish sort of a horse which was shipped to England to be raced over the fences when he failed to take kindly to our starting gate.

"Just about the only time he went over and stood at the gate the way he should," recalled Ted Atkinson, "he beat us out of a \$50,000 stakes. One Hitter was going to win it, if Shackleton didn't. That was the Dwyer Stakes. But most of the time he was a mean character at the gate. They say that he wasn't a bad horse around the stable."

Ben Jones says that Theory, Calumet's candidate of the moment for this year's Kentucky Derby, is not a really good horse, but that he keeps improving all of the time. "I think he'll win some of the big ones," says Jones.

Sammy Smith tells the story of the trainer who was trying to tell an English rider, who was visiting this country, in so many words that he wanted him to give his horse an easy race. "Oh," said the lad from Blighty Land, finally getting the idea, "You mean you want me to take him out in the Deep Grass."

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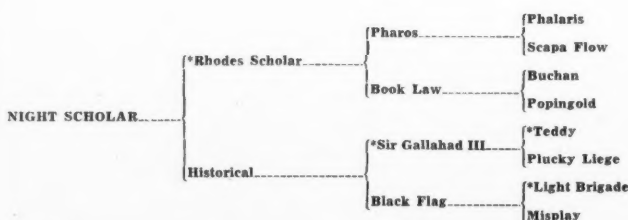
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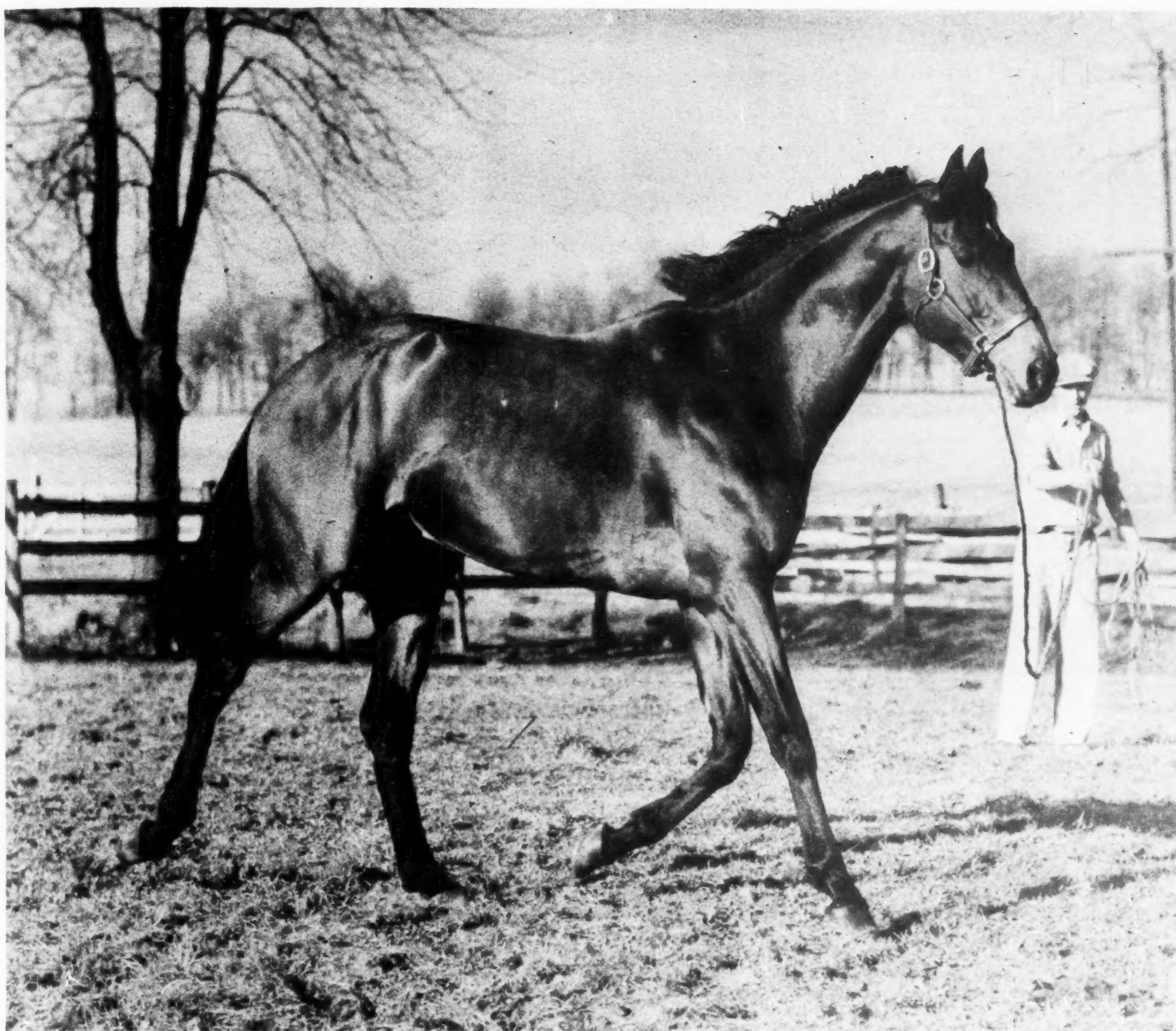
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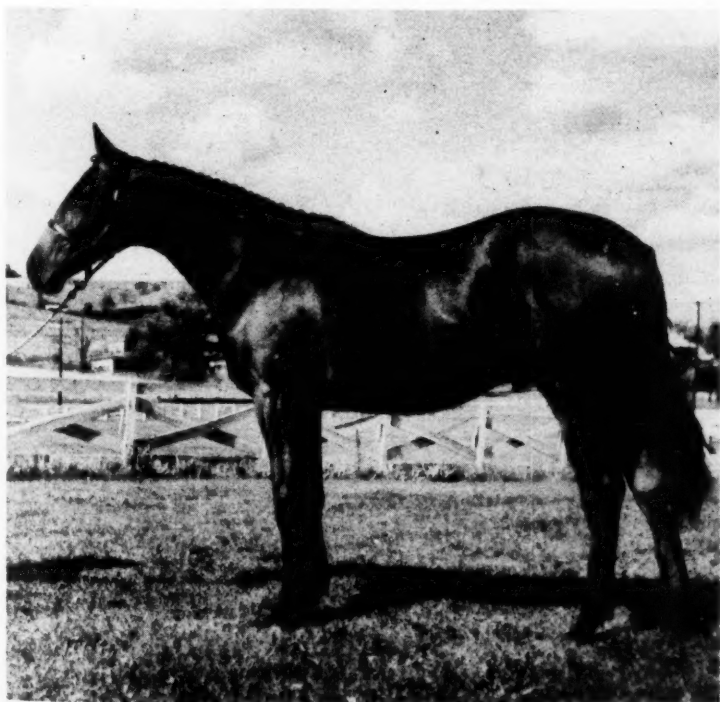
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***DON JOSE**, 7-year-old son of Admiral Drake—Estorial, by Solario, photographed at Huntland Breeding Co. Farm, Middleburg, Virginia, shortly after his arrival from France. The new stud prospect is owned by Count G. de La Fregonniere. (Marshall Hawkins Photo)



***NORDLICHT'S** get, which will be given an opportunity to prove their class on American tracks, have not won any races as yet, but the above ***Nordlicht** colt, owned by Rolland M. Berry was a winner in a breeding class during 1949.



LOCK AND KEY, 'chasing stakes winning daughter of ***Easton—Level Head**, purchased for \$37,500 by Courtney Burton at the Crispin Oglebay dispersal, with her new trainer W. Burling Cocks of Unionville, Penna., up.

(Marshall Hawkins Photo)

Mayer Empire

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and age. Later he branched into ownership and management of theatres which, in turn, led into film distribution. Needing more productions for his theatre, he and a group of other far-seeing individuals organized Metropolitan Pictures Corporation. Still, the output was inadequate. So he disposed of eastern interests and moved to Hollywood in 1917.

When he was 19 years of age Mr. Mayer married Miss Margaret Shenberg of Boston. They had two daughters, Irene, who became Mrs. David O. Selznick, and Edith, who married William Goetz. Early in 1949, Mr. Mayer married again, to the former Mrs. Lorena Danker.

Mr. Mayer's career into racing followed the same pattern as his motion picture activities. His initiation in the sport came in 1938 when his physicians recommended a hobby that would take his mind from business and bring him into the open air. He acquired a brace of 2-year-olds, Flying Bonny and Mask and Wig, and Main Man, an established racer.

Main Man was the first horse to carry his "French blue and pink colors". He added by degrees to his Thoroughbred holdings.

In 1940, Mayer embarked on a Thoroughbred breeding career. He purchased 501 acres near Perris in Riverside County, Calif., and stocked the property with a band of mares and stallions that, augmented later on, was to place him in a class with James Ben Ali Haggin and E. J. "Lucky" Baldwin. He imported the great Australian sire Beau Pere and even went so far as to make tempting offers to Lord Derby for the brilliant English sire, Hyperion. Failing in this he brought to these shores the horse Alibhai, with a view to racing him. Alibhai showed tremendous speed in his workouts at Santa Anita before the meeting which was to open December, 1941. The meeting was cancelled because of World War II. Alibhai went wrong in training and was retired to the stud. During the period of dis-

persals, Alibhai was sold privately for \$500,000 to a syndicate and stands at Leslie Combs II's Speight Farm, at Lexington, Ky.

Both Beau Pere and Alibhai were to become California's most prolific and successful sires. They sired numerous winners of important stakes offered throughout the nation.

The Perris farm was completed in 1941 and from it came a succession of high-class race horses that brought to Mr. Mayer the honor of being selected by the New York Turf Writers' Association as the man who did most for racing in 1946.

With the opening of the Santa Anita 1947 season it was learned that Mr. Mayer planned to withdraw from racing and this was confirmed when the motion picture magnate announced that he had arranged to sell all his horses in training at Santa Anita on the night of February 27. The reason given was that his racing and breeding interests had grown from a pastime into a gigantic enterprise and took much of his time from business. A total of 60 horses in training were sold for \$1,553,500 and an average of \$25,891 per head. On January 12, 1948, at Hollywood Park, 39 two-year-olds brought an average of \$26,493 each and again at the Inglewood track, on November 29, 1948, 4 stallions and 52 broodmares fetched \$652,650. The next to the last sale was likewise staged at Hollywood. Fifty-one 2-year-olds were disposed of for an average of \$12,451 per head.

After Thoughts On—And Personalities of—The Final Sale
Bigger dispersals, from the standpoint of the number of horses sold, have been held in the past but for sheer spectacularism in presentation, prices, attendance and horseflesh—well, this was an epic.

Surprise of the final sale "gossip", just about as stunning as his decision to sell, is the report that Mr. Mayer is about to return to racing. Those who know the motion picture magnate opine that they wouldn't be a bit surprised—and they say that this time he'll have a modest string, probably no more than a

dozen... would the fact that his son-in-law William Goetz has expanded his turf holdings have any bearing on the rumor?

Humphrey S. Finney, man of many titles, including representative for Fasig-Tipton, popping in and out—like a fiddler's elbow—among pre-sale gatherings, giving and accepting greetings... The Ben F. Whitakers, recently arrived from their Dallas, Texas, abode. Their horses are at Santa Anita in charge of Jimmy Conway... Wonder how many of the 2-year-olds sold will make "good"—or turn out to be lemons?... Is next year's Kentucky Derby or Preakness winner among the lot?... The Hollywood "crowd"—too numerous to list and hard to recognize off screen!... In a horse one bidder sees great potentialities—another nothing: Same horse—why is it?... Detroit represented by Charles T. Fisher, of Dixiana, and daughter Mary... Some of the offerings from past Mayer sales that proved bargains: Solidarity, which cost \$21,000 and has earned about \$350,000; Moonrush, which brought \$10,500 and has paid his purchasers over \$100,000 on their investment, and Your Host, which fetched \$20,000 and now boasts earnings in excess of \$100,000... Two horsemen talking about an absent "friend": "He has so much larceny in him that when he was born they dried him with a police blotter!"... Auctioneer George Swinebroad certainly has "a way" with him in encouraging purchasers to higher bids. He probably could talk a bird out of a tree... Prior to the Mayer dispersal the most remarkable of our times was that of the Castleton Stock in 1913 in New York. In that day and age, when a dollar would buy more than it will today—if you had a buck—money was comparatively tight, and there were not many horses involved, but they were something with which to conjure... Imagine the bidding that would evolve today if 9 such stallions were offered as Celt, Colin, Delhi, Disguise, Hippodrome, Peter Pan, Sweep, Ultimus and Voter, along with 31 mares including Cap and Bells, Cerito, Midge, Optime, Fairy Sprite, Noonday, Pastorella, Royal

Rose, Pink Domino and Belgravia. Their owner, James R. Keene, had been the leading breeder for five years, but they realized a total of merely \$247,200. Incidentally, the mares listed are the dams of such outstanding horses as Sysonby, Peter Pan, Sweep, Black Toney, High Time, Ballot and Luke McLuke... Edward J. Brennan, general manager of New Jersey's Monmouth Park race track, renewing acquaintances. He and aide Bill Trundle arrived in Los Angeles on the afternoon of the sale day... Joe H. Johnson, one-time trainer of race horses in Europe, South America and this country and now manager of California's Deerwood Stock Farm, and Mrs. Johnson, enjoying the spectacle and talking over old times with Mr. Brennan. Mr. Mayer's manager Harry Hart and others... Joe Patterson, one-time conditioner of the Audley Farm horses when that Virginia establishment of B. B. Jones cut quite a swath in racing. Patterson plans to transfer activities from New Jersey to California... Leslie Combs II, widely-ardly mentor for Mrs. Elizabeth Graham's Maine Chance Farm operations, classifying himself as "a country boy from Lexington"... Well known trainers present included H. A. "Jimmy" Jones, well pleased over the way Citation is training... Willie Molter, Reggie Cornell, Bill Finney, former trainer for Walter P. Chrysler when the latter maintained Virginia's North Wales Stud... "Silent" Tom Smith, Buddy Hirsch, Burley Parke, Cal Roles, Harry Trotsek, who reports that Oil Capitol is going along most satisfactorily in training in Florida in preparation for his Kentucky Derby engagement. The colt has picked up 100 pounds since last fall, now weighs slightly more than 1,100. He will probably make his first start around the middle of February at Hialeah Park... Myron Fox, M-G-M executive, reveals that the 2-year-olds disposed of are "judiciously staked" in west and east coast fixtures... these include the 1951 California Breeders Champion Stakes, the Arlington Futurity, Arlington Lassie, Washington Park Futurity, Belmont Futurity and Matron, the Preakness and Santa Anita Maturity.

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Pharos
Best of year up to mile and a quarter. Led sire list in both England and France.

Nearco
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Blanche
Ran well in high class company. Bred 3 Stakes winners.

Flying Orb
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Cos
In seven races at 2 won six stakes, once second. Her first four foals were Costaki Pasha (Middle Park, etc.) Rustom Pasha (Eclipse, etc.) Mrs. Rustom, and Hilla (July Stakes).

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Santa Anita Racing

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how far Two Lea and Ponder would be ahead at the wire. Ponder beat Two Lea by a length, but anyone with half an eye could see that the beautiful and brilliant Two Lea had Ponder's number that day. Of course, it cannot be proved she was the better of the two, but Jockey Arcaro was sitting still on the mare while keeping a close watch on Ponder and the trailing field.

There is no doubt in our mind that had anything threatened Ponder, Jockey Arcaro could have given the mare her head and sailed by the son of Pensive with the greatest of ease. Ponder's time for the 1 1-4 miles was 2:02 2-5, which was good considering the conditions. It was a most miserable afternoon with a heavy blanket of smog almost blotting out the backstretch, and before the horses went out for the big event it began to rain quite hard. However, nothing seemed to bother the Calumet pair and they splashed through the slop to give Warren Wright 1st and 2nd money, amounting to a cool \$100,000. It might be mentioned here that Ponder gets into the handicap with 124 pounds, 2 less than he carried in this race. Two Lea also drops 2 pounds, to 113.

With the exception of the Calumet entry, there was very little real class in the field. This seems rather a pity in view of the large sum of money at stake.

In winning the 7-furlong San Felipe for 3-year-olds, Your Host lived up to expectations. He carried top weight of 126 pounds and won as he pleased from eleven others. Jockey Longden had the *Alibhai colt in front from the start and was some 5 lengths clear of the field turning into the stretch. From there on there was nothing to it and he won eased up by 3 lengths. Great Circle and Blue Reading finished 2nd and 3rd, both closing big gaps but not threatening the winner. Your Host has only been out of the money once in his last 9 starts, and this is the second \$50,000 stake he has picked

up at the current meeting. All of which makes him a very useful colt indeed, particularly if he can carry his brilliant turn of speed at distances beyond a mile.

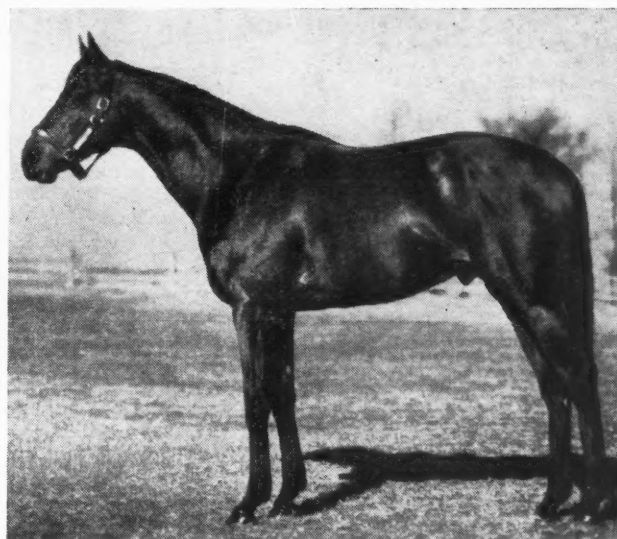
To our way of thinking Your Host does not move as a true stayer should, but this question will be settled in the Santa Anita Derby on Feb. 18, when he meets about the same field of colts he faced in this race. Out here, popular opinion has it that he is a stayer, but until we have seen him win a 1 1-8 miles or better, we will remain skeptical of his staying qualities. It will not be surprising if at least two of the colts which finished behind him prove to be better stayers, but one of them, Blue Reading, is now out of training with a knee injury. This colt runs very much like Ponder, beginning slowly but coming with a mighty rush about the time so many of today's so-called stayers are throwing in the sponge. Great Circle, a big long-striding fellow has been slow in developing, but has all the earmarks of a horse that will go on, and we don't mean a mere 1 1-16 miles.

The result of the Santa Susana, a 7-furlong stake for 3-year-old fillies will be of interest to breeders, as both 1st and 2nd are daughters of *Alibhai. Special Touch won by 4 lengths from Talking Point, with Sea Garden 3rd. The winner is by *Alibhai—*Caressante, by Truculent, while Talking Point is by *Alibhai—Mabel Miller, by *Polymelian. Among the field of 14 finishing behind were such good winners as Calumet Farms' Duchess Peg, and H. B. Scott's Radiant, winner of four successive races.

It may be of interest to report the great public interest shown in Citation out here. He has had several public works between races and invariably receives more applause than the victory of a hot favorite. It is a pity Warren Wright cannot be here to see and hear the heartwarming tribute paid to his great champion.

*DON JOSE II

B. 1943



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Estoril	Solario	Gainsborough Sun Worship
	Appleby	Pommern Birdswing

— BREEDING —

*DON JOSE II comes from a very strong female family. His dam, Estoril has produced Estocade, winner at St. Cloud and dam of winner; Estelle, dam of 2 winners; Torilo, winner at Auteuil and Longchamp 3 times, placed 5 times; Escamillo, great sprinter winner and sire; Estradot, winner and sire.

ADMIRAL DRAKE, his sire, was a winner of 2 stakes at 2 years old. At 3, he was 2nd in the Prix d'essai des Poulains, 1st in Grand Prix de Paris and 2nd in Grand International d'Ostende. At 4 he was 1st in the Grand International d'Ostende beating Corrida; was 2nd in Grand Prix de Berlin. His winning get are: Monsieur l'Amiral (Cesarewitch, Queen Alexandra Stakes); Minstral, (Prix Grehul, Poule d'essai des Poulains); Chesterfield (Prix Greffule); Royal Drake (2nd Epsom Derby), and others.

— RACING RECORD —

In his four years of racing (1946-1949) *DON JOSE II accounted for 9 firsts and 11 seconds. He was 3rd in the Prix Caru Noailles to Prince Chevalier and Hope La. In the King George VI Stakes at Ascot he finished ahead of *Nirgal and Narses. He was 4th in the French St. Leger to Souverain, Prince Chevalier, Goyama, all finishing within 3 lengths. He ran 5th in the Royal Hunt Cup under 129 lbs.

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Saturday, Dec. 10, 1949, was a hunting day of special importance to the Marlborough Hunt Club. It was the hunting day set aside for the entertainment of some very special guests, the members of the Potomac Hunt Club of neighboring Montgomery County.

This was to be the Marlborough's opportunity to show sport, if it could, such as Potomac showed Marlborough when the latter was the guest of Potomac a clear, breezy, December afternoon the previous year. For an account of that memorable day of good hunting, Alden Crane's Chronicle article (December 24, 1948) 'The Merry Chase of Ferdie Fox' will be recalled. Then, too, following the hunt Potomac had spread wide and loaded heavily the festive boards in banquet proportions for their guests. All in all, it was one of those treasured experiences that remains ever fresh in the heart and soul of hunting people.

The fixture was set with thoughtful care by Joint-Masters John D. Bowling and William H. Brooke for Blythewood, the truly picturesque old estate of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Smith, located about midway between Washington on the north and Upper Marlboro on the south. This rolling farm land is one of the gateways to some of Marlborough's best hunting country.

To this lovely spot with its many white fences, colonial home high on a hill and its white barns and stables with large boxes, came Potomac friends, perhaps 40 strong. Sad to relate, some stout-hearted hunters as it turned out, never got astride their favorite mounts because at least one large van broke down on the way. It was with real regret that the field moved off with such ardent hunters as Potomac's Whipper-in Mrs. Alice C. Berry, Judge Raymond B. Keech, Sam Bogley, and others on the ground waiting for horses that never did arrive, al-

though at the time they were expected momentarily.

The first cast was made by Marlborough's Huntsman Steve Vassal, in the pine woods on Mrs. Mamie Holliday's farm, but not a reliable note was heard as hounds worked away. The pack was then lifted across a stout panel in the adjoining woods on the Edward Smiths' Mellwood farm for a second cast, which proved no better than the first. Blank, too, was each succeeding try as more and more country was thoroughly tried. Cover after cover where many a fox had, at one time or another, yielded a good line, now proved barren.

This was, indeed, a worrisome situation to the Masters, and, in fact, to the entire Marlborough Club, so eager to show good sport for guests who had come so far. Not over two hours of daylight remained. If the day was to be a success something had to happen soon—would it? That was the question uppermost. Marlborough's guests showed they could take what then looked like "another blank day" in the best sporting traditions. They were gay and amused by the antics of Miss Mary Kelly, just turned 8, and her 26 year old Welsh pony, Lucy, both veterans of the hunt field. To see this pair negotiate stout fences higher than both of them is one of the minor joys of a day with Marlborough.

It must have been just about this time, namely a quarter of four, that Claude Owen, former M. F. H. at Potomac, who was riding beside Joint-Master William Brooke at the time, said, "Willie, do you have any four o'clock fox here?" Exactly what William Brooke's reply was has now faded from memory, but what he should have said, if he didn't, was, "Certainly, we have such a gentleman," for it was not more than fifteen minutes later, as the staff and entire field was in Coney Bean's woods, far to the north of the starting point, that Steve Vassal intoned the "Gone Away" in clear, strong notes on his horn.

The line was off to the right, almost parallel to a road running through this woods. Back over roads and fields but lately slowly traversed, went the field now flying. Hounds were moving fast in a more

direct line than the riders could take cross country but not for long was the field behind as one fence and coop after another on Mrs. Alice Clagett's farm and Gui Clagett's Keokuk was successfully negotiated on the route of this red.

Just as suddenly as hounds had found came an abrupt check—a check which at the time looked more like a loss than a check. This was the time and place where a man's knowledge of hunting and faith in good hounds he knows well, their abilities, trustworthiness and every whim pays off. This particular check came in a woods beside a running branch where the ground was rather soft if not muddy. Many hounds were truly bewildered. Certainly the general appearance of the situation from the vantage point of the field was that there had been a loss. In fact one Marlborough veteran, anxious to be about the business of the day, the entertainment of guests and the lateness of the hour, gave it as his opinion much as an arm chair strategist might, that hounds should be quickly lifted to a new cover for another cast. But Huntsman Steve Vassal and the Joint-Masters saw more than most in the situation then prevailing. They saw a most reliable hound, one old veteran thought of as a pensioner, by the name of Amos was holding firm. Yes there was still something there—some remaining but scattering scent that might yet be fanned into a real stout line. Steve Vassal dismounted, the better to encourage hounds, to coax them to work harder to straighten out the line and by doing so proved a right judgment for before long good old Amos moved off with the pack on his heels.

Never again were the hounds checked except momentarily and that by an accident. Once the line left the woods, hounds were in open country on Keokuk and running hard. The line ran close to many an earth and as riders watched hounds headed in the direction of these dens, it seemed not unlikely that our quarry probably went to ground at any one of these dozen or more places on his route. This fox was more of a gamester as all began to realize as hounds kept on going straight and true to the south. Snake

fences were taken in stride as the field moved on without a moment's hesitation and then the accident happened which might have ended the run. It all happened this way. Joint-Master Brooke, then in front, led the field to the top of a hill to the left of the supposed line, thinking that Huntsman Steve Vassal had gone around the same hill to the right. Instead, the line ran diagonally across this hill of pines and, therefore, it was soon discovered that at least a part of the field, perhaps 35 or more, had unknowingly and accidentally crossed the line.

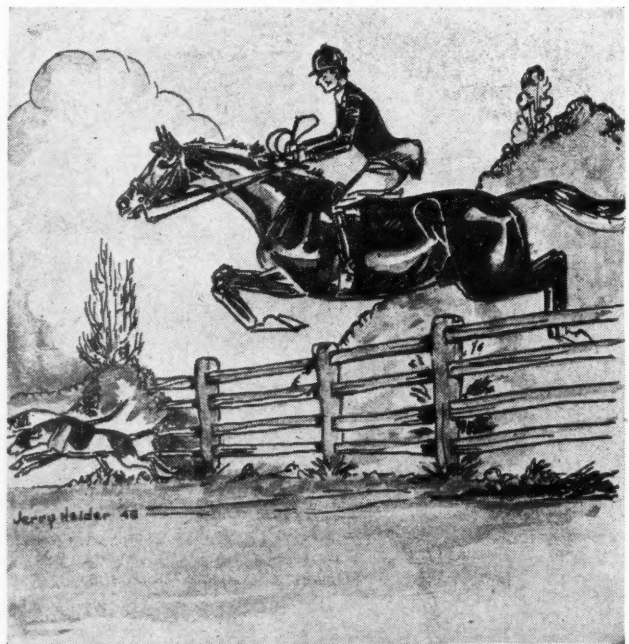
One hound after another then began to check as he came up to the point where the horses and riders had crossed the line but be it written on old Amos' marker as an epitaph that "He never faltered". He went straight and true on the line with the pack ever obedient to his lead and packed in beautiful formation. If Amos could have heard and understood the praise bestowed upon him by one and all, including such veterans of the chase as M. F. H. Jim Grear, former M. F. H. Ralph Counselman and Claude Owen, Al Earnest, "Red" Lamont, Commander Hughes, F. Moran McConihe and many other knowing ones, he might have realized that he would always have a place at Marlborough's Kennels as a pensioner and a warm spot in the heart of every hunter who saw him work that day.

As the run continued, the line now circled left-handed in a large arc to the east. The field was able to keep up for what hunting remained of the afternoon by hard riding with one exception when little used country was found to have been closed in and it was necessary to find another way around. But all good things must come to an end and so did this run with the fox accounted for at a den long forgotten if ever known. It was then almost dark. The run to the check had lasted about 20 minutes and thereafter for about an hour. It had been a great day after all.

That evening saw Potomac hunters the guest of the Marlborough Club at its headquarters on the Patuxent River where the day's events were told and retold over warm Southern Maryland dishes and other good things of life.—J. L. K.

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January 21:

A very small Field assembled at Mr. and Mrs. Simmon's farm under the eyes of the Joint Masters, Messrs. Jeffords and Simmons. Absent members missed one of the busiest days of the year. The Field of about a dozen, after half an hour's delay, heard hound music in the West Chester Barrens. A run of an hour and a half followed, with only the briefest of checks and at a fast pace. After a pause of about half an hour hounds found the same fox and ran him all afternoon, until almost five o'clock. By this time the Field had melted away and the only riders left were Tom Simmons the Joint Master, Buck Heller, the Huntsman and a Whipper-in. Bill Elliott, Jeff Jeffords, Miss Monica Reynolds and your scribe had given up at three-fifteen for a homeward hack of an hour and half, at a time when the Huntsman was trying to get hounds together, and it seemed as if the run would be over. Instead, they ran for another hour and a half and finally had to be called off. Buck Heller says that he had dismounted and had gotten one hound in one of Mr. Simmon's pastures. As he crossed toward the road he saw Mr. Simmon's herd of Black Angus cattle coming toward him and started to run. The cattle were after the hound and the running stampeded them. Just when Buck was getting worried some one called to him to stop and blow his horn. This checked the steers immediately. It was six twenty when hounds and Huntsman reached the kennels—while the rest of us sat comfortably before the fire enjoying ourselves.

During our first run we were joined by Edward B. Smith who had been hunting with Radnor. He had been delayed during their run and, hearing hounds, thought they were his only to discover that they were Rose Tree's. So he hunted with us for an hour. It seems that Radnor had found a visiting fox from our country and had run him hard for a twelve-mile point well into our territory, losing him near Glen Mills school. Before Mr. Smith left us we began "finding" other Radnor members in twos and threes and this continued for the next hour or more. One Radnor member in pink was on the front seat of the Radnor hound truck, taking their hounds home. It turned out to be Huntsman Bill Evans, who explained that they were so far from home in unfamiliar country that they had called for the hound truck.

Hounds gave a splendid account of themselves all day and never seemed to tire. A number who were almost always in the lead included two young bitches who have been hunting only since August; Lace and Nancy; and two old timers Lonesome and Forester. The fox is one that has given us good runs before and who lives near Simmon's. Today he made several big circles across nearly the same country. On at least five occasions he went through Sharp's, which is now forbidden ground. All in all it was an astonishing day and members are very grateful to Masters and Huntsman for providing such good sport—not to mention the accommodating Master Fox.

January 14:

Hounds and riders assembled at Mr. Lane's farm on Street Road at 11 o'clock. It had rained all of the night before but strong winds during the day had helped dry the ground. A long uneventful day finished with hounds back at the kennel at 5 o'clock with not more than 10 minutes of running during the whole day. Only 3 riders of the more than 20 who started had the patience to stay to the end. They were Messrs. Elliott, Wendler and Hay.

January 7:

Weather conditions were very unpromising—according to the experts! The wind was strong with the temperature 35 degrees. We had as our guests more than a dozen riders from

the Huntingdon Valley Hunt Club. There was more pink worn than at any time this year, 15 riders being dressed this way. Contrary to the "dope" hounds found very soon and a hard run of nearly 30 minutes followed. Our guests from Huntingdon Valley were delighted with the fast going and expressed themselves as impressed with rough country and the great number of hills. The fox did everything wrong, particularly by running straight into the strong wind. Nevertheless he gave a good account of himself and was put to earth only after 30 minutes of fast going. The rest of the day was uneventful but our guests felt that they had had "their money's worth" with that first fast run.

December Hunting

December hunting has been very good at Rose Tree. There have been a number of unusual events from time to time. On one occasion hounds followed a trail through the pine woods at Marshall Piersol's. Emerging on the north side several hounds spied a large nest which was perhaps 30 feet from the ground and plainly to be seen. Whether they saw a squirrel or some other animal is not known. Whatever it was hounds yelped around the foot of that tree for a good 15 minutes, every effort to draw them away failing, until finally members had to dismount and whip them away from the tree.

Pink made its first appearance at Rose Tree on Thanksgiving and added a fine note of color. This is always the day of the year when Bill Elliott has his first hunt, after which he never misses a Saturday.

Hounds met at Mr. Crawford Twaddell's on December 3. They found at once, within 200 yards of the house, and ran their fox hard for an hour. Mrs. Russell Jones unfortunately had a spill when her horse fell before a jump in a soft spot, and broke her elbow.

On a subsequent occasion when hounds met at Mr. Twaddell's, the latter remarked that they had drawn blank on the last several occasions and that "if Rose Tree hounds found in his country on that day he would snoot every one of his own hounds!" Whether this is an accurate quotation or not is a matter of doubt. At any rate, before long Rose Tree hounds began their music telling of the scenting of their quarry and a good run followed.

On December 10 a Field of 25 rode the country from 11 o'clock until half past two without a single note from hounds. At half past two hounds went away on a fox and ran solidly for an hour and a half. By this time only 10 of the Field were left, including the persistent group who are always in at the kill and who have been dubbed the "Rose Tree Hotspurs". Present on this occasion were Jeff Jeffords the Master, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bentley, Messrs. Hay, Herkness, Elliott Rakestraw and Hoopes, and Miss Monica Reynolds and the Jeffords groom, Joe. As has happened so often this year, the fox was first found in Pickering Woods.

The Christmas hunt on December 24 was remarkable for the great number of foxes started by hounds and viewed by the Field. In general, there has been no complaint this year about the scarcity of foxes.

Gerry Lieper has hunted a number of times this year with Rose Tree. It is always a pleasure to have him. On a recent occasion he had with him his grandson, Mike de Havenon who has just turned 9. Mike rode a Thoroughbred horse and

kept up with the Field at all times. He is already a finished hunter and he was plainly enjoying every minute of his ride.

On a recent occasion hounds ran fast through the big pasture facing Mr. Jeffords' stable, in which are usually pastured several Thoroughbred horses. On this occasion the scent was lost and as hounds circled to recover it two horses advanced and repeatedly slashed at individual hounds with their forefeet. In one instance a hound was struck but not hurt. It was remarkable

that hounds paid so little attention, although the horses were unmistakably attacking. On another occasion the fox was running through the Jeffords place with hounds close in pursuit. As the fox approached the main house a gardener appeared which caused the fox to turn in such a way that he ran right into hounds and was killed immediately. All in all, Rose Tree has reason to be appreciative of a fine season to date and one which has been well led by the joint Masters Messrs. Simmons and Jeffords.

—Sartorius

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Fifty Years Progress In Breeding

Last Fifty Years of Research and Practice Have Taught Future of Breeding Is In Hand of Biologists

C. R. Acton

Some years ago, between the two wars, I made the suggestion in an article in an English sporting paper, that the study of evolution as applied genetics, and of biology, might be of great assistance to those concerned with foxhound breeding.

Indeed, should the invasion of chemistry into the sphere of life sciences take actual form, all the interest might evaporate from the breeding of a pack of hounds!

Certainly it will be of the greatest interest to observe to what extent chemistry will be able to carry out this threatened invasion, for some of the most interesting problems of physiology are being converted into applied chemistry. There is the subject of hormones, where the report of Professor Dodds dealt with a synthetic substance several times as potent as Nature's own female sex-hormone. There is the great advance made during the past few years in artificial insemination, a subject that, when perfected, appears to hold almost limitless possibilities. The study of evolution has become very detailed, too, largely as applied genetics, and such progress is being made in the knowledge of the operation of evolution that we may, ere long, find that the biologists will be able to dictate how to breed a pack of hounds, so level and sorty, that there will be no need for puppy show prizes!

That time is not yet, but possibly it is on its way. The most important, probably, amongst the theories which have guided breeders was accorded by the pronouncement by the Morgan School that the Mendelian laws depended upon the fact that the hereditary factors are lodged in the chromosomes; this pronouncement joined the sub-sciences of genetics and cytology.

Biometricians contributed a theory that the evolutionary problem could be solved by taking series of accurate measurements and calculating coefficients of correlation between parents and their offspring. Temporary disagreement between Mendelians and biometricians ceased when the conclusion was reached that all inheritable variation consists of mutations and recombinations and is discontinuous. However, they interact with each other and with environment, so that the resultant variability is usually continuous, and evolutionary change derived thereby must be gradual.

Much discussion, in recent years, on the subject of hereditability and transmission of acquired characters has resulted in the pronouncement that educatability can become an inherited character and can be transmitted, the results of educatability are not necessarily inheritable or transmittable. Artificial selection may improve acquired characters, but nature maintains hereditary characters that safeguard the perpetuation of a racial type, even if those characters appear prejudicial to the process of amelioration of that type.

It is the possible occurrence of such reflectory atavisms that removes the hope of certainty from any breeders' schemes.

But were I to have to select the two most important and far-reaching pronouncements of recent years on the subject of breeding, I would select those by Becker and Wriedt.

The former did much to explode the system of breeding to the same sources, usually male, for paternal and maternal families, and the resultant excessive development of the elements of those families, and consequently to the deterioration of the qualities attained from these sources, which means congestion of the original male element. Becker's pronouncement was that of the large number of male members of the sire families—as of any family—for matter—an infinitesimally smaller

proportion have turned out successful sires than the female members as producers in their own rights. Without an exception the recording of the maternal families are presenting much greater vitality and superior productiveness in female descent than in male. In this fact lies a world of biological truth, if not the whole secret of amelioration in racial production.

The other great pronouncement is by Christian Wriedt. It is: "Breed is a unit of classification which we must retain for the present on purely systematic grounds. However, we must remember that it has no biological basis. Therefore, in breeding operations, the old slogans 'Pure Breeding', 'Closed Studbook' etc.; should not be allowed to hamper the work, but the facts which the science of biology has proved should be considered and applied in each individual case."

From these words it should be possible to create a new species of animal by cross breeding from tap-roots of varying types of that animal.

In Britain Sir John Buchanan-Jardine has proved the efficacy of the theory by producing a new type of foxhound, and a new type of sheep, and Sir Alfred Goodson has worked on similar lines in breeding his pack of hounds. So efficient in the field have these two packs of hounds become that a famous M. F. H. wrote to me these words: "If I were a young man starting again I would get drafts from Jock or Bill Goodson and say 'To hell with the Foxhound Kennel Stud Book!'"

So, I think that one may safely say that the last fifty years of research and practice have taught us that the future of Breeding, as such, is in the hands of the Biologists, and not in the hands of the keepers of stud books.

The days of clinging to the sire elements have gone, of "returning a line of Bend Or by Cyllene and strengthening the elements of St. Simon", or "both sides back to Belvoir Dexter", horse or hound, whichever you will. They have gone.

With the ambition to fix the course of transmission to as great an extent as possible, it will be necessary, of course, to avoid overspecialisation, but the matter will have to be viewed from the biological standpoint. That is the lesson of the last fifty years. And in the next fifty—Robots? Who knows?

HOWARD COUNTY HUNT

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On January 28 the meet was scheduled for Sapling Range, home of the Owings'. At 2:00 P. M. a Field of about 20 pulled away with an air of expectancy. The preceding hunt on Thursday had been good and a fine run was enjoyed by the Field. Horses were lathered overall and shirt sleeves and open neck would have been far more comfortable than coat and stock! The temperature having soared to summer heights throughout the week, Saturday was cooler and with the change of weather, our hopes envisioned a big red and a brisk run.

Hounds were cast to the east and drawn through all the fine coverts on Sapling Range only to find them empty. So hounds were lifted and cast again toward the Chase farm. On we went and no fox. We crossed by Double Bridges in a northerly direction, emerging from a wooded strip into Merriweather's far sedge field. It looked as though the day would be a blank one—with our next covert, Brunt Woods, a good hack off.

Suddenly the deep note of Ruler,

Three Championship Ties At 3rd Circle K Winter Horse Show

As the 3rd Circle K winter horse show's 38 events were drawing to a close at Norristown, Pa., Jan. 22, it was apparent to everyone that the championship races were in for photo finishes. The final tallies created a hack off between Miss Margaret McGinn's penny and Miss Mildred Kindlan's Son of K for the children's championship. Penny got the nod. Margaret also won the hunter seat, A. H. S. A. medal class, and has three more to go to be eligible under the new rules for the ride off next fall at the Garden.

Another tie called for a jump off to decide the best open horse. Pat Dixon brought back in the ring Millard Farm's My Goodness to outpoint Cassadol, owned and ridden by Miss Phyllis Lose. Cassadol, jumping first, looked like the money until he decided to run out on a wicked looking 7'-0" spread Liverpool—Faults 4—. My Goodness went clean, giving Pat two championships at Circle K in as many months. In December All Afire annexed the tri-color and on his last fence he fell with Pat, causing the latter a painful shoulder injury from which he has not as yet completely recovered.

There were no questions about the green and working championships. Edgar Mills and William Gargas riding for Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Biddle, Jr. dominated the entire hunter divisions. Perry's Pride, with Edgar up, outpointed Joseph Wall's Miss Vittel for the green and Gargas on Handsome Harry scored 16 1-2 points to 11 1-2 for Pepper, owned and ridden by Miss Martha Bishop.

Alec Atkinson brought along with him the best looking big 3-year-old you will see in many a moon. At least 16.3 and weighing in the neighborhood of 1,300, this gelding is really going to be a big man's horse in another year or so. Incidentally in his first appearance, he took blues in the pleasure horse class and green hunters under saddle. Not bad hacking for a really green horse.

Frank Clark, who spends a lot of time and money to put on these monthly shows, is to be congratulated for a job well done. This is not a show where the exhibitor can make a lot of money but it is just the place for winter schooling. The schooling here last winter helped make great horses out of Black Watch, Party Miss, All Afire, Apex, My Goodness, Flagtop, and many others. And the best thing that happens is that the children have a lot

a blue tick hound, told us a fox had been through the sedge grass. Doc drew in and carried the line out of the field and across the road where he was checked by a tightly woven wire fence. The packed was helped under the fence and by the time we skirted the fence along the bottom road to Dorseyville, hounds were in full cry across Butler's back meadow. They swung right and crossed the Double Bridges' road into Chase's front wheat field. South and then east, they went toward Howard Clarke's Edgewood farm.

Scent was perfect and hounds packed up well, it was thrilling to see them enter Clarke's woods in full cry and head for the beautifully paneled Sapling Range. To save from crossing the swampy meadows on Edgewood's pastureland, our Master took us around the road to the Range and we arrived in time to meet the pack driving hard out of the woods into the sheep field. With a toot of his horn and a "hark to him", our Master let his chestnut down a bit more and with scarcely a check we followed him through the woods and out of Sapling Range. Behind Ken Warfield's hounds made a loss. But not for long and soon they carried the line over to the Philadelphia pike, crossing it by Providence Church. On to Dorseyville and finally swinging left to Joseph Devereaux's place, the fox had gone to earth. Forty-five minutes of excellent sport. It was interesting to note that the fox had been within a stone's throw of his earth when first raised and had certainly gone out of his way to show us a good time. With an early winter evening closing in, our Master called it a day.

—J. F. S.

of classes during the cold season which takes off the edges and prepares them for the spring shows.

SUMMARIES

Children's jumping—1. Penny, Margaret McGinn; 2. Master Andrew, Tilt Pennock; 3. Son of K, Mildred Kindlan; 4. High Hash, George Engle.

A. H. S. A. medal, hunter seat—1. Margaret McGinn; 2. Douglas Heckman; 3. Jane Howland; 4. Gerry Gearhart.

Children's working hunters—1. Tinka, Margaret McGinn; 2. Hickory Beau, Douglas Heckman; 3. Son of K, Mildred Kindlan; 4. Penny, Margaret McGinn.

Children's hack—1. Son of K, Mildred Kindlan; 2. Chocolate Bit, Gerry Gearhart; 3. Hickory Beau, Douglas Heckman; 4. Valley Mist, Henry C. Biddle.

Children's pony jumping—1. Hickory Beau, Douglas Heckman; 2. Valley Mist, Henry C. Biddle; 3. Quaker Maid, William Douglas; 4. Merry Legs, Henry C. Biddle.

Children's Olympic—1. Penny, Margaret McGinn; 2. Son of K, Mildred Kindlan; 3. Tinka, Margaret McGinn; 4. Pepper, Martha Bishop.

Children's hunter hack—1. Son of K, Mildred Kindlan; 2. Chocolate Bit, Gerry Gearhart; 3. Penny, Margaret McGinn; 4. Hickory Beau, Douglas Heckman.

Children's championship—Penny, Margaret McGinn. Reserve—Son of K, Mildred Kindlan.

Warm up—1. Cassadol, Phyllis Lose; 2. My Goodness, Millard Farm; 3. Quaker Maid, W. Douglas; 4. Hellzapoppin, Frank Clark.

Pleasure horse—1. Big John, Robert Copeland; 2. Zipalong, Jeannette Heckman; 3. Chocolate Bit, Gerry Gearhart; 4. Miss Vittel, Joseph Wall.

Green hunters under saddle—1. Big John, Robert Copeland; 2. Perry's Pride, Henry C. Biddle; 3. Miss Vittel, Joseph Wall; 4. Little Cracker, Margaret McGinn.

Knock-down-and-out—1. Hellzapoppin, Frank Clark; 2. My Goodness, Millard Farm; 3. Cassadol, Phyllis Lose; 4. Sun Bunny, Mrs. W. C. Miller.

Break and out—1. Penny, Margaret McGinn; 2. Sun Bunny, Mrs. W. C. Miller; 3. Chocolate Bit, Gerry Gearhart; 4. Nancy, Thelma Regar.

In and out—1. Cassadol, Phyllis Lose; 2. My Goodness, Millard Farm; 3. Hellzapoppin, Frank Clark; 4. Quaker Maid, William Douglas.

Open working hunters—1. Handsome Harry, Henry C. Biddle; 2. Pepper, Martha Bishop; 3. Reno Residue, Millard Farm; 4. Zipalong, Jeannette Heckman.

Green hunters—1. Perry's Pride, Henry C. Biddle; 2. Miss Vittel, Joseph Wall; 3. Little Cracker, Margaret McGinn; 4. Orphan Annie, Joseph Bonsall.

Handy hunters—1. Handsome Harry, Henry C. Biddle; 2. Son of K, Mildred Kindlan; 3. Pepper, Martha Bishop; 4. Sun Bunny, Mrs. W. C. Miller.

Professional horsemen's jumping—1. My Goodness, Millard Farm; 2. Cassadol, Phyllis Lose; 3. Hellzapoppin, Frank Clark; 4. Pepper, Martha Bishop.

Working hunter hack—1. Reno Residue, Millard Farm; 2. Handsome Harry, Henry C. Biddle; 3. Son of K, Mildred Kindlan; 4. Miss Vittel, Joseph Wall.

Green hunter stake—1. Perry's Pride, Henry C. Biddle; 2. Miss Vittel, Joseph Wall; 3. Orphan Annie, Joseph Bonsall; 4. Oklahoma, Circle K; 5. Little Cracker, Margaret McGinn; 6. Kilroy, J. E. Hunter.

Green hunter championship—Perry's Pride, Henry C. Biddle. Reserve—Miss Vittel, Joseph Wall.

Working hunter stake—1. Pepper, Martha Bishop; 2. Handsome Harry, Henry C. Biddle; 3. Reno Residue, Millard Farm; 4. Zipalong, Jeannette Heckman; 5. Son of K, Mildred Kindlan.

Working hunter championship—Handsome Harry, Henry C. Biddle. Reserve—Pepper, Martha Bishop.

Open jumper championship—My Goodness, Millard Farm. Reserve—Cassadol, Phyllis Lose.

Judges: Harry Smith and W. H. Frick, M. F. H.

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Looking Over Mid-West Polo Players

Four Teams Remain Undefeated In Chicago Indoor Series With Healy Farms Leading In Senior Group; Black Horse In Junior

Harry M. Coleman

John F. Ivory, of Detroit, Chicago, New York, Miami, and other polo points, has contributed much to the advancement and popularity of both the indoor and outdoor game. In addition to 7-goal son Jack, son-in-law "Mac" Stefani, a stableful of prime polo ponies, and two teams which are now playing in the junior and senior divisions of the Chicago Metropolitan Indoor Polo League, Mr. Ivory has been contributing to the morale, well-being and uplift of all teams that have opposed his entries to date. This latter contribution, Mr. Ivory will admit with good humor, if somewhat wryly, has been inadvertent. His teams have lost all of their indoor matches to date (Jan. 21); two of them going into over-time.

At the end of seven weeks of play in the Chicago Indoor League four teams are undefeated, two in each division. In the senior bracket (6-12 goals) Healy Farms of Hinsdale, Ill., has three victories, totaling 49 goals against opponents 28; just 4 more than the impressive 24 goals scored by Billy Stevens, No. 1 for the leaders, with which he leads the league in individual scoring.

The Canadian Aces, captained by Pat Connors, and supported by Jerry Fordan and George Cokinis, also remains undefeated in the senior circuit, with 2 wins and 24 points against 19. For those addicted to deductive reasoning it should be clear that the Aces have not played the Healys.

Among the juniors the military holds the fort. The Black Horse Troop, with Greg Dritsas, Al Kimmel, and Bud Rouse, playing in that order, has won three games, lost none and scored 32 goals, or 7 more than their opponents.

In the order of their playing positions, Cadets Bruce Belling, Bobby Schless, and Bob Gray, have lost none and won two for Culver Military Academy, scoring 21 to 15 goals.

Upholding the league, in addition to The Ivories, aforementioned, and Milwaukee previously reported upon, are several teams of which more will be reported when more is to report. These teams, for which time will tell the story, with an assist, include 124th Field Artillery, the Milkmen, and The Shamrocks, in the junior Division, and the Brokers, in the upper bracket.

One of the most recent newcomers to indoor polo, "Big Jim," Kraml is a welcome and valuable addition. His good nature and sportsmanship has already been felt on several occasions when nerves were raw and tempers screeching. An ardent fox hunter at Oak Brook, Jim plays polo with the same enthusiasm he displays when riding to hounds. As operator of Kraml Dairy he puts in a 7-day week and milkmen's hours. He is an excellent testimonial for products, weighing 215 pounds, which are well distributed over his 6-foot frame. Naturally, the team sponsored by Kraml Milk Co., of which he is captain, is named The Milkmen.

As an executive of the John F. Ivory Storage Co., and as No. 1 for the Detroit Ivory Rangers Mac Stefani is nationally known as a moving marvel. He engineers the contents of a stable, an office, or a home, with the same skill and dispatch that he demonstrates at polo. For 10 years he has helped to keep Detroit in the polo spotlight and has contributed much to promotion of the game nationally. His fast and aggressive style of play quickly wins audience support whether his team wins or loses. One of his personally important contributions to the game has been his front teeth.

One of the mainstays of the Black Horse Troop, Bud Rouse received his polo education at Morgan Park Academy. At 21 he has four years of polo under him; two of them on Metropolitan League championship

teams. This year his team is again leading the league, with no defeats. Bud is also among the five top individual scorers for the season, one point behind his team-mate Greg Dritsas.

In addition to being an all-around player, having covered all positions, George Cokinis is a successful business man, and a diplomat. He lists his hobbies and avocations as wife and daughter, business, and polo. In any other order he might be out of order. In his four years of polo he has already been on three championship teams. George is typical of the young businessmen—polo players who are making Chicago the polo capital of America.

Truly an international polo player, Pedro Silvero has played in many famous matches, the locations of which sound like a travelogue. Such exciting place names as Mar del Plata San Ysidro, Venada Tuerto, El Trebol, and Hurlingham, were part of his international circuit. Born in Argentina, PS was swinging a polo mallet on a hacienda when most kids are swinging a baseball bat on a sandlot. He made his U. S. debut in 1945, playing with Mike Phipps and Stewart Iglehart, at Gulfstream Polo Club, Delray Beach, Florida. Accustomed to the expanse of the outdoor game, to which he has devoted his life, Pedro is playing his first indoor season, for Milwaukee Polo Club.

An accident brought Freddy Lutzow into polo. He replaced an injured player in a critical game, came off the winner, and stayed with the game. In the seven years since he played, and won, his first game he has been on six championship teams. At 28 Fred has established an enviable reputation as a trainer of polo ponies. Many of the horses playing here and in other parts of the polo world are graduates of the Lutzow training school. This, in the horse world, is equivalent to Phi Beta Kappa in a more mundane world. Professor Lutzow is one of the more tangible reasons why the horse is here to stay.

Random notes of more than local interest, if any, from the weekly column "epidemicstomatitis":

One thing you will never get at an indoor polo game, a rain check. Like the mailman, "not snow, nor rain, nor gloom of night," stops the players "from the swift completion of their appointed tasks." Remember this on a Saturday night when it's cold outside. . . . Sitting Uneasily: Ardent polo fan John Esmond, his ardor somewhat cooled. . . . By a flying polo ball. . . . Which clipped the end of his cigar butt. . . . Rested on another behind him. . . . High praise from high up: Comments of WENR's Bill Yoman regarding the commentating of Roy D. Keehn, Jr., and Harry O. Owen, Jr. Barely noticed among the crowds: 8-goal star "Peter The Great" Perkins, returned from the Argentina Polo World Series. Sic transit gloria mundi. Local boy make good: Chuck Grant, M. F. H. of Plush Horse Stables in his polo debut. . . . Supporting him with body English. . . . Plush Horse elite Eileen Kay, Al Gruninger, Marilyn Smith, Bob Windblat, Mrs. Ann Lee and son Curt, Del Wilber. . . . Also Mrs. "Emmy" Grant, and daughter Randy. . . . With support like this no wonder Grant took Richmond. . . . From Hinsdale cheering Hinsdale (Healy Farms). . . . Alice Bergeson, Oak Brook's lady-in-waiting. . . . In from Lake Forest to see it in the flesh. . . . After following polo by TV. . . . The brothers Isham, Robert and George with wives Blecker and Sally-Ann. . . . Watching his team-mates. . . . The Voice of Mexico editor, Mario Lasso, polo enthusiast and supporter. . . . Offering an unmounted Mexican Polo Team. . . . Three Men Off A Horse. . . . Paying-Polo Playing-Patron: Jim Kraml, captain of The Milkmen, host to a host of 150 friends attending tonight's games. . . .

Johnson Brothers Play Outstanding Game vs. Squadron

William Goodrich

If there was any doubt that the Johnson brothers—Collister, Bob and Ben—are not fine horsemen, fine polo players, and, one of the top teams in indoor history, it was dispelled in 30 minutes of play against the unbeaten Squadron A Regulars—January 28—at the New York armory.

The Johnsons, from Far Hills, N. J.—the only all brother combination riding actively indoors in the United States—were outstanding in an 8 to 6 setback to a team which now outranks them by 6 goals, according to the latest handicap list release by the Indoor Polo Association of America.

Riding as Ellistan, named after their father's estate, the Johnsons are an 11-goal side, while the Regulars—Paul Miller, Bill Rand and Walter Nicholls, sport 17, now, an advancement of 4 goals in the aggregate total.

The Ellistan-Regulars match, a well played, defensive match, followed a wide open first match of the double-header which saw Al Parsells' Manhattan trio down Bill Nicholls' Long Island side by 9 to 7. The experienced Walter Devereux, a steady No. 1, and Tom Long, who, at times, can play the back position with the finesse of the best, were the teammates of Parsells. Young Herb Pennell and Fred Zeller saw service with Nicholls.

Ellistan outplayed Squadron A in the first half. The Johnsons led by 4 to 2 at the end of the first period and by 4 to 3 at the half. Ellistan went scoreless in the second and third periods. Walter Nicholls carried the load for Squadron A with 5 of the goals. He was tops at back, too. Nicholls scored 4 of his team's last 5 goals.

Collister Johnson scored 2 goals; Bob, 1, while Ben matched the total of both. Miller and Rand scored once, while another was accounted for by pony.

Both of Devereux's goals were difficult under the neck shots, the first from the far side. Parsells counted 5 times, while Long tallied both of his markers in the 4-goal, last period.

Dr. Clarence C. (Buddy) Combs, flanked by Bud Heatley and Ray Harrington, made his debut with the Brooklyn Polo Club, at the Squadron C Armory, a 4-star affair. Eight-goal

Brooklyn Garners Howlett Trophy At Squadron C.

William Goodrich

The Brooklyn Polo Club indoor polo team—beaten only once in 6 games this season—annexed the James B. Howlett Memorial Trophy at the Squadron C Armory, Brooklyn—Bud Heatley, son of Selden Heatley, operator of polo at Squadron C, Ray Harrington, and Charles Leonard, won the 8-goal championship by defeating the Horseshoe Polo club, 18-13. Squadron C stopped the West Point Officers in the first match by 12 to 6.

Heatley scored 7 goals as did Leonard, and Harrington contributed 4 in the overwhelming victory. The referee was Henry Untermyer. Brooklyn's best period was the third when it scored 6 times to the victims 2. The victims are Archie Young, Mike Rizzo, and John Rice, a formidable side. All players scored 4 times each. The other goal was awarded on a No. 1 penalty.

Charles Whitney, Dick Metcalf, and Henry Lewis, III, scored 3, 5 and 4 goals, respectively, against the Army Officers. Majors Arthur Surkamp and Thomas W. Brown, and Lt. Col. John K. Waters were the opponents. Col. Walters scored 5 goals and Major Surkamp 1. Capt. B. T. Tierman refereed.

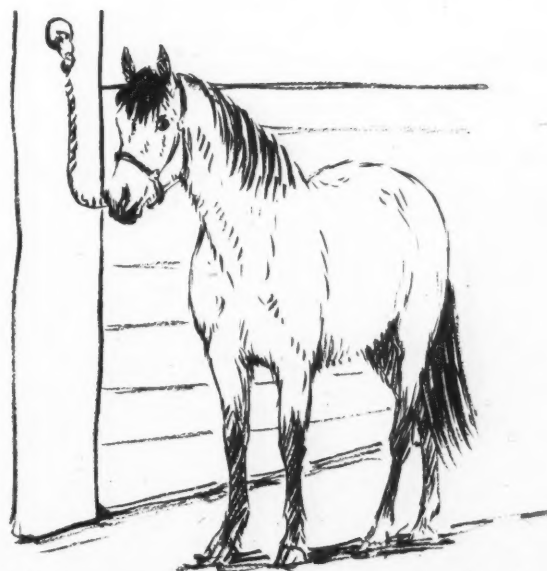
Buddy, scored 7 goals in Brooklyn's 13 to 9 victory over a Squadron C side of Bill Zimmerman, John Burns and Hayward Headden.

Heatley and Harrington made 3 goals each; Zimmerman scored 4, and Burns tallied 5 times.

A Ramapo trio, composed of Walter Phillips, Tex Butler and Bob Ackerman, won handily from the Rumson Polo Club by 10 to 4 in the first match of the Squadron A twinbill. Charles Whitney, Dick Metcalf and Vernon Kipp wore the Rumson colors.

In an afternoon match, Westbury—Ed Rausch, Ray Koch and Frank Rice—defeated Huntington—Joe Schwarz, Vincent Rizzo and Jack McCumiskey—by 10 to 6. . . . Phillips, Butler and Ackerman, scored 2, 4 and 3 goals, respectively, and one was made by pony, for Ramapo. . . . Whitney scored twice and Metcalf and Kipp 1 each. . . . Rausch scored 7 times for Westbury and Koch thrice. . . . Rizzo scored once and McCumiskey 5 times for Huntington.

CHRONICLE QUIZ



1. "A SMALL HORSE NEEDS LITTLE CURRYING." WHAT IS MEANT BY THAT?

- (See drawing.)
- What piece of armor worn by horses in Mediaeval times was known as a chamfron?
- Locate the facial crest of a horse.
- The mare Plucky Lige (1912) by Spearmin produced 6 colts that eventually went to the stud. Name four of them.
- Did the Greeks use a curb bit?
- What are hobbled stirrups?

(Answers on Page 23)

Sportsmen In Review



THE HOWELL E. JACKSONS. Mr. Jackson has recently been elected to membership in The Jockey Club. (Morgan Photo)



STEPHEN C. CLARK, JR., new vice-president of the National Steeplechase & Hunt Assn. and chairman of Hunts Committee. (Morgan Photo)

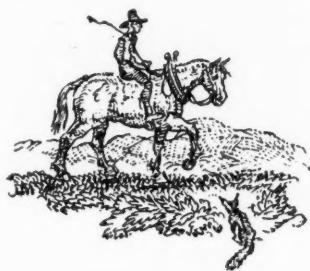


GEORGE KINGSLEY, dean of horsemen at 76 years, receives the Jack Weston trophy from Miss Jean Johnson. Mr. Kingsley rode his 2-year-old at the Minneapolis Saddle & Bridle Club Horse Show.



BILLY, Edward Hay's good horse, takes a header at the Rose Tree Hunter Trials. Neither suffered any ill effects and his owner rode Billy happily home to his stable. (Klein Photo)

In the Country



'CHASING PROGRAM

Edward Kilroe general manager of Aqueduct has just decided to take on the Spring Maiden Steeplechase. This was formerly run at Pimlico and is a \$5,000 stakes. The Spring chasing program will now start at Belmont, will carry on at Aqueduct and Delaware and will move to Saratoga for 24 days. In the Fall 'Chasing will be seen again at Aqueduct and Belmont and it is to be hoped will wind up at Pimlico and Laurel. New England had a fine response from its hurdle racing last year. It is hoped they will also carry on this program.

ERRARD'S FIRST WINNER

Darby Dan's young sire Errard had his first winner from his first crop on January 31, at the Fair Grounds in New Orleans. The youngster, bred by Tom Platt, took the measure of eleven 2-year-olds and breezed through the field in the good time of :23-1/5 for the quarter mile. It was the first start for Mrs. J. C. Gillem's 2-year-old filly, named Starview, which is by John Galbreath's young son of *Challenger II—Ruddy Light, by *Honeywood.

ST. LOUIS AMATEUR RACING

It will be amateur's day on Saturday, April 8th in St. Louis when, according to Donald Deggendorf, the St. Louis Hunt Racing Association will revive hunt meeting racing that has been dormant since before the war. The decision was made January 10th with a meeting of a group of the younger hunting enthusiasts. The racing will be unique in that every officer in the racing association, plus a major portion of the members of the racing association, will be mounted and riding in at least one race. Only local horses are to be allowed in the first meeting that includes the traditional farmers' Derby, a ladies' flat race, ladies over timber, gentlemen's flat race and 2-mile race over timber.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH'S MONAVEEN

Those headed for the English Grand National this year under the aegis of Hope Scott and her Raymond Whitcomb tour are not only going to have the National and Irish hunting and racing, but a chance to see Princess Elizabeth's favorite Monaveen at 16-1 run over the biggest jumps in the world. The gelding was made favorite before the weights were announced. The royal family is a very welcome addition to the ranks of 'chasing owners and will make National Day in England one of the most famous in the history of the race.

'CHASING PROSPECTS

The dispersal of William Ziegler, Jr.'s breeding stock scheduled by the Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc. for Saturday, February 18th, 1:00 P. M. at Burrland Farm, Middleburg, Virginia, will afford buyers an opportunity to obtain some attractive young steeplechase prospects. Wait A Bit himself has been getting well balanced foals which should do well through the field and two of his 2-year-olds and a 3-year-old are included in the Ziegler offerings.

The supplemental entries to this sale will not be catalogued until auction time but they include several very attractive steeplechase prospects. Prominent among these are two horses being offered by C. T. Chenery of Doswell, Virginia. Lunenberg is a big 2-year-old strawberry roan gelding by Gino Rex—Petral, by Petee-Wrack, herself dam of two winners. With his conformation and

the blood of *Gino and Petee-Wrack on either side of his pedigree, this horse should appeal to 'chasing fans. The 2-year-old bay gelding Sandy Rex by Gino Rex—Sandy Brook, by *Boswell is out of the half-sister to the good router and "iron horse" stake winner of 25 races Shot Put. The second dam of this stout young prospect is *Muzzle 2nd by Pharos, going back to a classic English family of Scapa Flow, Chaucer, Canterbury Pilgrim and Pilgrimage.

AMATEUR RACING DATES

The date shuffle is not only the problem of the major racing establishments. With sporting events everywhere on the increase hunt meetings and point-to-points are currently having their troubles. The Block House meeting at Tryon has now definitely set their date for April 26th with a Hound Show and Horse Show preceding on April 12th. A big event in Philadelphia this year is the revival of the historic Fox Hill Farm Challenge Cup for Hunt Teams. This trophy is one of the most handsome ones offered in amateur competition having been originally won for the first time by the Radnor Hunt team in 1920. It has not been raced for since 1937 and will be put up by the Radnor Hunt Point-to-Point in their meeting on April 8th. This conflicts with the St. Louis meeting, but is actually no conflict as the mid-western program only includes local horses.

Maryland has their point-to-point dates lined up with Green Spring holding their races on April 1st followed by Elkridge-Harford on April 8th. Elkridge-Harford this year is offering a new trophy given by Mrs. Lurman Stewart in honor of her famous sporting husband, S. Lurman Stewart who stood for the best in foxhunting and amateur racing throughout Green Spring and Worthington Valleys.

OLDEST HUNT CLUB

George Orton is hard at work these days at Media as historian of the oldest United States hunt club. (Piedmont at Upperville, Va. was a private pack in 1840 under the Mastership of Colonel R. H. Dulaney). Mr. Orton is digging into a hundred years of club history with a vengeance. Another club history being currently written is Rolling Rock at Ligonier, Penna. J. B. van Urk who also wrote up the Chagrin Valley country and did the great 2 volume Foxhunting in the United States has this assignment in his stride, and is currently reading galley proofs.

SETTLING THE CONFUSION

The confusion about horse of the year with the awarding of two plaques for the honor to Coaltown and Capot brings into rather sharp focus the need for a national board to award such honors. It is just one of the many fields that need to be unified in the racing picture to avoid duplication, cross purposes and confusion. The Thoroughbred Racing Association has made a constructive suggestion to leave such honors in the hands of a National Board of racing secretaries who would anonymously vote on these honors each year. Looking ahead further still, the TRA figures the horses themselves could decide the issue if the board of secretaries picked sectional championships and the final championship would then be settled by a race in which the sectional champions would be eligible. The confusion this year could still be settled by a race between Capot and Coaltown but perhaps this is asking for too much of a good thing. Particularly as the loser wouldn't be as happy about it all as the two winners are at this writing.

HORSEMASTERSHIP

Margaret Cabell Self has been one of the most articulate and constructive of the men and women in this country who are endeavoring to improve the school of horsemanship as seen in horse shows, hunting fields, hunter trials and other competitive events. She has published numerous books, conducts her own classes at the Silvermine School along with Verl Sturgis Crew, and is tireless in the aim to make better horsemen of more Americans. A novel program has just been planned from her New Canaan, Conn. establishment that could well be adopted by many horse-minded communities. Mrs. Self calls it a "Horsemastership Meet", using an old army term. It is a show of 4 classes open to the 10 best qualified riders in the vicinity for each of the 4 classes.

The first class calls for elementary principles in riding and the final class is a thorough test of the horsemanship requirements as practised in the advanced schools of riding technique that have developed our American Army teams at Fort Riley. All of the movements are simple themselves, but when combined in sequence, demand coordination of horse and rider, good hands and obedient and a tractable animal. In short, if practised in other such horsemasterships meets, they would soon result in widespread improvement in riding. Mrs. Self has also programmed a jumping event over an Olympic type course and a second course made up of mental hazards, low but complicated looking. It is a good program designed to bring home to both young and old just what is meant by the term horsemanship when applied to really good riding.

NEW HUNTER-JUMPER GROUP

The Midwestern Hunter and Jumper Assn. has been organized to advise show committees of leading fixtures in the Middle West on specifications for classes, courses, etc. The group hopes to accomplish much in an effort to bring the shows up to a par with those in the east. Among those active in the organization are George Bunting, Jr., Mrs. Dana Durand and Walter Staley.

PASSING OF A SPORTSMAN

A sincere heartfelt toast was given to the memory of R. P. W. Harrison, familiarly known as "Bob", at the Annual Masters of Beagles dinner in New York last Friday.

After the toast, which was proposed by D. B. Sharp, Jr., Master of the Treweyn Beagles, several speeches were made. Capt. C. Oliver Iselein, Jr., Master of the Wolver Beagles of Middleburg, Va., and President of the National Beagle Club of America, said that Bob was one of the greatest huntsmen of Beagles he had ever known. Several other members of the club said that Bob had always been a true sportsman and a man who loved hounds and lived for hunting to the exclusion of all else.

Bob passed away very suddenly last November ending a career with hounds during which he had made a most substantial contribution to the sport of Beagling.

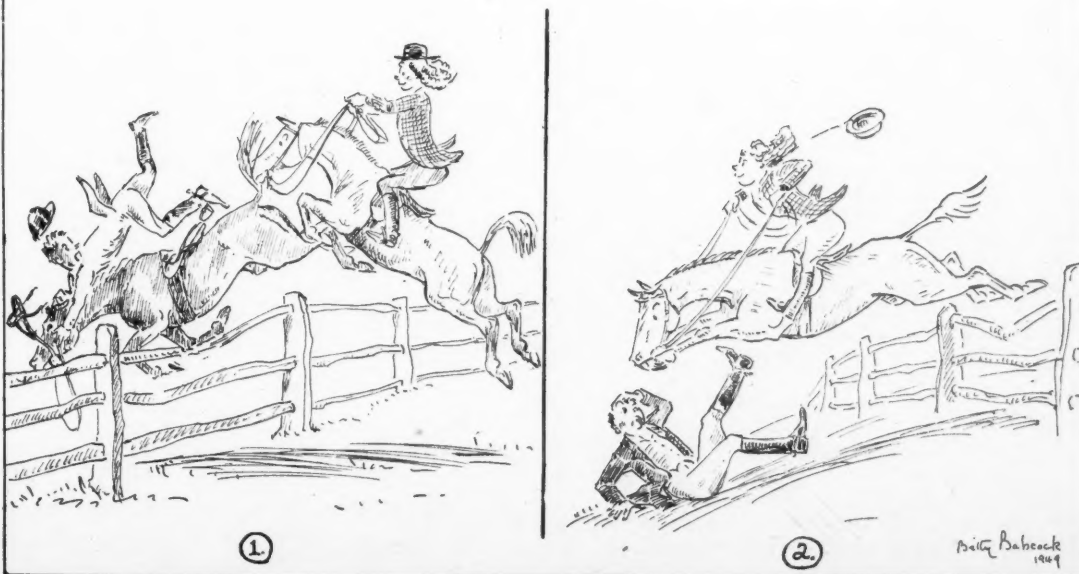
It was indeed a stirring occasion to see gentlemen from Canada, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, and North Carolina standing in his memory and to know their great sorrow in the passing of such a fine sportsman. —"Beagler"

Chronicle Quiz Answers

1. A proverb indicating scarcity as for instance to apologize for the small amount of food on the table.
2. The piece protecting the forehead.
3. The protuberance on the upper corner of the jawbone nearest the nose.
4. *Sir Gallahad III (1920) by *Teddy. *Bull Dog (1927) by *Teddy. *Quatre Bras II (1928) by *Teddy. Admiral Drake (1931) by Craig An Eran. *Bel Aethel (1933) by *Aethelstan II, (leading sire of 2-year-old winners in 1943). Bois Roussel (1935) by Vatout.
5. No. They used snaffle bits, bar and jointed. Some of them were made more severe by the addition of Echini—small blunt spines on the bit bar.
6. Stirrups tied fast by a strap or rope passing under the horse's belly. They are of some assistance in riding a bucking horse, but are dangerous and looked upon with contempt by good riders.

HUNTING PESTS

TAIL SITTERS



Outstanding Race Mares—Crucifix

Undefeated Daughter of Priam—Octaviana
Left Mark In Thoroughbred World In
A Line of Good Producing Mares

Neil Newman

This bay daughter of Priam-Octaviana, by Octavian was bred by the Earl of Chesterfield and foaled in 1837. In the spring of that year the Earl of Chesterfield's stud was dispersed and Octaviana, then 21 years old, with an ugly, lanky foal at foot, was knocked down to Lord George Bentinck for 54 guineas (\$275.40). Later the foal gained renown as Crucifix.

In appearance "her neck was long and light, shoulders oblique and thin, and her brisket exceedingly deep. Her chest, however, was very narrow, more so even than Teddington's. Her arms and legs were small, and her toes turned out like an opera dancers. She was flat-sided, had short back ribs, wide hips, drooping quarters and flat thighs. These peculiarities gave her a very wiry appearance. Indeed she looked all wire. She stood nearly sixteen hands high, was as nimble as a cat and had the useful faculty of reaching the top of her speed in a few strides, and without apparent effort. After winning the Oaks her legs gave way, and she wasted to a shadow before she died (1857)."

Crucifix was turned over to "Old John" Day of Danebury to train and was ridden in all of her races by his son "Young John" Day. She raced only at 2 and 3 in the "Sky blue jacket, white cap" of Lord George Bentinck. Here tabulated racing record is as follows:

Year	Age	Sts.	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl.	Won
1839	2	9	9	0	0	0	\$22,935
1840	3	3	3	0	0	0	26,500
Total (2)	12	12	0	0	0	0	\$49,435

Crucifix made her debut at Newmarket July 9, 1839 in the July

Stakes at 4f. over the New Two-Year-Old Course. She carried 117 lbs. closed 5-6 and won by 2 lengths without being extended.

Thereafter she carried a penalty in all of her starts and in succession won the Chesterfield Stakes at Newmarket July 11, 1839 over the last 4f. of the Beach Mile, carrying 125 pounds (9 pounds extra). In this race she started favorite at 2-3. After a number of false starts, the entire field with the exception of Merle, which ran into a post and was pulled up, got away and despite the fact the recall flag was up, went right past it to the finish. Iris won by half a length from Crucifix. The latter was off in the ruck but closed with a terrific rush. Unfortunately for Iris' owner, Lord Albemarle, the race was declared "no contest" and the stewards ordered it to be run over. The odds on Crucifix then lengthened to 2-1 while Iris was 5-2. Crucifix led to the hill, where she was taken in hand by young John Day and Iris assumed command. On reaching level ground Day called on Crucifix; she quickly wrested command from Iris and went on to win by 2 lengths in a canter.

At Goodwood Crucifix won the Lavant and Molecomb Stakes in effortless fashion. In the former she carried 120 pounds and started at 1-4. In the latter she carried 123 pounds and again started at 1-4.

Nothing more was seen of Crucifix until Newmarket in the autumn. At headquarters between October 1, 1839 and October 28, 1839, she started for and won 5 races. They were the Hopeful Stakes, 1-2 miles with 126 pounds, quoted 2-5; a sweepstakes of 100 sovereigns half

forfeit, 5 f. over the Two-Year-Old Course—Crucifix carried 119 pounds and walked over; the Clearwell Stakes, Crucifix carried 124 pounds (7 pounds penalty), started at 1-5 and defeated four rivals; the Pendergast Stakes with 117 pounds, starting 1-5, (three ran) over the Two-Year-Old Course. Her final appearance of the year was in the Criterion Stakes 5f. Lord George Bentinck, in addition to Crucifix (126 pounds), which started at 1-3, ran Capote 119 and Grey Melton, a brother to Grey Momus. The race resulted in a dead-heat between Crucifix and General Yates' bay colt Gibraltar, quoted at 8-1. The stakes were divided and Crucifix walked over in the "decider".

Crucifix was first seen under colors at 3 at Newmarket May 4, 1840 in the Two Thousand Guineas, 1 mile. The field carried scale weights. Crucifix, John Day up, (116 pounds), easy to back at 11-8, defeated Confederate, Angelo and three others, including her stable companion Capote. Two days later she came out for the One Thousand Guineas (1 mile) carried 119 lbs., started at 1-10 and won easily from her stable companion Rosa Blanca Spangle and Silistria.

Crucifix made her farewell appearance on the turf at Epsom on June 5, 1840 in the Oaks, 1 1-2 miles. All starters carried 116 lbs. Starting at 1-3, she won easily from Welfare, Teleta, Pocahontas and her stable companion, a bay daughter of Glencoe—Victoria. Although Pocahontas never won a race, she is immortal in bloodstock history as the dam of Stockwell, Rataplan and King Tom.

Crucifix' legs went a week after the Oaks, but the secret was so well kept her condition did not leak out until the Saturday before the St. Leger. "Old William" Day of Wood-yates avers Lord Bentinck, when informed of Crucifix' lameness, laid her for a thousand in the St. Leger and did not declare her until the end of August.

Retired to Lord George Bentinck's stud in 1841, she produced the bay colt Cowl by Bay Middleton in 1842.

Subsequent to producing Cowl, she produced the winners Crozier by Lanercost; Surplice by Touchstone; and the bay filly Chalice by Orlando.

Her foal of 1846, Cucullus by Bay Middleton, died early; Pontifex by Touchstone; the filly Rosary by Touchstone; the bay colts, Constantine and Cardinal, by Cotherstone and Touchstone all failed to win. She was barren in 1843 to Sheet Anchor and in 1848 slipped twins by Touchstone.

Crucifix had no foals after the bay filly Chalice in 1852, being barren to 1857. She was not covered that year and died in 1857.

Crucifix was sold in 1846 when Lord Bentinck dispersed his stud and she became the property of Mr. Mostyn. Of all her foals, Surplice was the best by far, as he won the Derby and St. Leger of 1848. He also won Grand Duke Michael Stakes at 3 and the Ham, a Produce Stakes at Goodwood and the Municipal Stakes at Doncaster at 2. He was bred by Lord Bentinck, was foaled in January, 1845 and was sold as a 2-year-old to Mr. Mostyn who later sold him to Lord Clifden. It is said Lord Bentinck, to the day of his mysterious death, regretted having sold Surplice, about whom it is said a few months before he (Surplice) was foaled, his breeder took a number of heavy bets in the Derby of 1848.

"The Druid" (Thomas Hall Dixon) has this to say about the last days of Crucifix.

"The spot was all blooming with hollyhocks when we passed it in October 1857 to take another glance at Crucifix, who had bred no foal since 1852. There she stood, quite wasted and listless, under the wall of a loose box, with withers as sharp as a knife. She had kept in pretty blooming condition until her wonted Stockbridge levee was over, and then she began to fall very fast."

Crucifix and Bay Middleton were buried side by side (they survived Lord George Bentinck about a year). Young John and Alfred Day planted a cedar tree beside each grave in their memory.



COMPLETE DISPERSAL of William Ziegler, Jr. BREEDING STOCK --- BURRLAND FARM MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1:00 P. M.

INCLUDING:

STALLION

WAIT A BIT, ch. h., 1939, by Espino—Hi Nelli, by High Cloud.

BROODMARES

ESPOSA, ch. mare, 1932, (stake winner, dam of two winners), by Espino—Quick Batter, by Runantell. In foal to War Relic, due to foal March 11.

EXCALIBUR, ch. m., 1943, by Tintagel—*Chamfron, by Spion Kop. Barren.

FLARING HOME, b. m., 1944, (winner), by Flares—Marching Home, by John P. Grier. In foal to Wait A Bit, due to foal April 7.

GENTLE GLOW, ch. m., 1943, by Pompey—Soft Lights, by Genie. In foal to Wait A Bit, due to foal January 18.

JEUNE FILLE, ch. m., 1943, by Agrarian—The Damsel, by Flag Pole. In foal to Wait A Bit, due to foal May 22.

QUAKER GIRL, gr. m., 1943, by *Gino—Sunny Lassie, by Sun Flag. In foal to Wait A Bit, due to foal April 4.

MARCHING HOME, ch. m., 1932, (dam of stake winners), by John P. Grier—Warrior Lass, by Man o'War. In foal to Stymlie, due to foal May 30.

REIMBURSEME, ch. m., 1941, (winner), by Ladysman—Well Reward-ed, by *Sickle. In foal to Wait A Bit, due to foal May 1.

RIGHT OFF, b. m., 1943, (winner), by Tintagel—Hot Griddle, by Runantell. In foal to Wait A Bit, due to foal February 19.

SCORCHING, b. m., 1945, by Flares—Hot Griddle, by Runantell. In foal to Wait A Bit, due to foal March 1.

SEEBE, b. m., 1937, (winner), by Brother Joe—Chicel, by *Chicle. In foal to Halberd, due to foal March 10.

TANTALIZE, dk. b. m., 1940, (winner), by Tintagel—Mary Victoria, by Victorian. In foal to Blue Swords, due to foal May 14.

INTERMEDIARY, ch. m., 1945, (winner), by Peace Chance—Miss Porter, by The Porter. In foal to Wait A Bit, due to foal February 15.

LAPIS LAZULI, b. m., 1946, by Equistone—Off Gold, by Polydor. In foal to Wait A Bit, due to foal March 12.

SPRING, b. m., 1945, by King Cole—Short Run, by Hard Tack. In foal to Wait A Bit, due to foal April 19.

YEARLINGS Colt by *Princequillo—Jeune Fille; Colt by Whirlaway—Marching Home; Colt by Wait A Bit—Excalibur; Colt by Wait A Bit—Quaker Girl; Colt by Wait A Bit—Right Off; Filly by Wait A Bit—Reimburse; Colt by Wait A Bit—Seebie; Colt by Wait A Bit—Tantalize.

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